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MAJOR OFFENSIVE: U.S. and Iraqi army soldiers participating in Operation Swarmer exit a Chinook helicopter in Samarra, Iraq, Thursday. The joint operation is the largest airborne assault in nearly three years, targeting insurgent strongholds north of Baghdad. ♦ **Show of force:** Operation expected to last days | **Page 7**

U.S., Iran Open to Iraq Talks

Tehran offer marks striking shift toward engagement

TEHRAN, IRAN | Iran offered Thursday to enter into talks with the United States aimed at stabilizing Iraq, the first time the Islamic republic has agreed to negotiate with the superpower it calls the "Great Satan."

The offer appears to reflect the desire of at least some top Iranian officials to relieve Western pressure over Tehran's nuclear program in return for help on Iraq, which is sliding ominously toward civil war.

The Bush administration said it would talk with Iran — but only about Iraq, not nuclear issues. The White House said the U.S. ambassador to Iraq, Zalmay Khalilzad, is already authorized to talk with Iran about Iraq.

The secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council, Ali Larijani, told reporters any talks between the United States and Iran would be limited to Iraqi issues. Larijani, who is also Iran's top nuclear negotiator, said Khalilzad had repeatedly invited Iran for talks on Iraq.

Despite the caveats, any direct dialogue between Tehran and Washington could be the beginning of negotiations between the two foes over Iran's nuclear program. (AP)

DISGUISES | Crate and Barrel of a Gun A man in Pelham, Ga., robbed a convenience store during the weekend while wearing a milk crate on his head, KNBC-TV reported. Marty Simpson entered the store with the crate on his head, then robbed

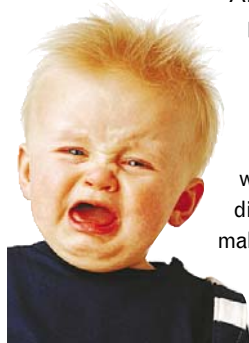


the clerk at gunpoint, officials said. Afterward, out in the parking lot, he ditched the crate — so others in the lot saw his face. Police caught him about two hours later; he's now charged with armed robbery and aggravated assault. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | **Page 2**

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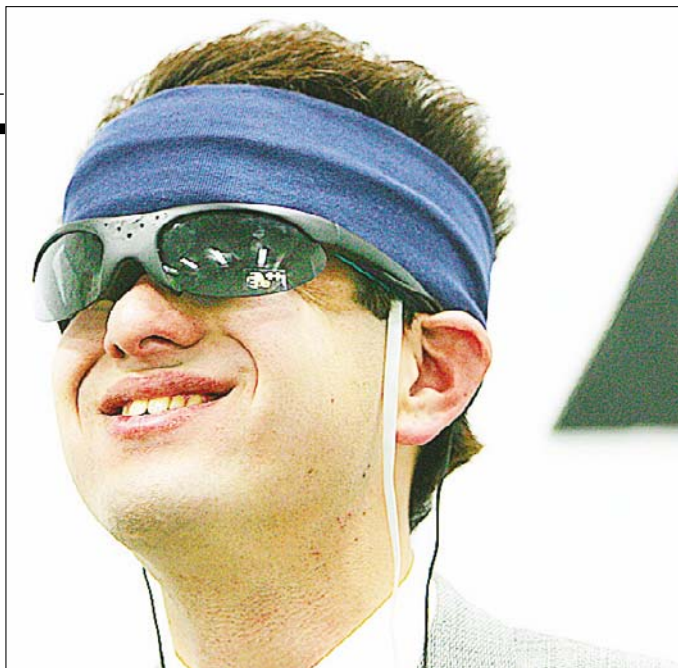
An East Jerusalem, Israel, hospital refused to give new parents their baby for two months until the bill was paid, the Haaretz newspaper reported. After the woman gave birth to triplets at Moqassed Hospital, the hospital kept one as a "guarantee" that fees would be paid. Last week, the parents contacted the Justice Ministry, which intervened and ordered the baby released. The director of the hospital said keeping the child was normal procedure to ensure payment. The government is now working with the national health insurance agency to arrange for payment of the charges. (EXPRESS)

TRAPPED

It's Possible to Be Too Secure

A security van in Lampeter, Wales, was so secure that two guards became locked inside for more than an hour Tuesday, the BBC reported. People walking by the van had become con-

cerned when a recorded voice alarm told them to alert police that the van was being threatened. Police finally arrived, but were unable to help, and the alarm was so loud that they could not communicate with the guards inside. The guards were eventually able to free themselves, blaming the mishap on a technical failure. (EXPRESS)



JUNJI KUROKAWA/AP

BREAKTHROUGHS

Seeing Is Believing

Mitsuhiro Aso, a student at a school for the blind, was all smiles as he wore the Forehead Retina System (FRS), which acts as a substitute for the retina, on Thursday, at Tokyo University's research office in Tokyo. FRS enables visually impaired people to sense the images in front of them, by converting processed visual images into tactile sensations with electrical stimuli on the forehead. With the system, Aso could actually "see" a triangle on a board, as sensation on his forehead. (AP)



"If I ram this thing through my house, just think how much I can sue for!"

FAULT

He Should Wreck His Property More Often

When a dump truck backed into Curtis Gokey's car in Lodi, Calif., he sued the city for damages. Only thing is, he was the one driving the truck. But that didn't stop Gokey, a city employee, from filing a \$3,600 claim for the December accident, even after admitting the crash was his fault. After the city denied the claim because Gokey was, in essence, suing himself, his wife, Rhonda, decided to file a new claim under her name. (AP)

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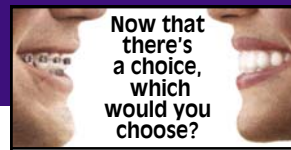
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HUMBLE ORIGINS: Using microwave radiation, physicists announced Thursday they have evidence the universe went through extremely rapid expansion in the moments after the big bang, growing from the size of a marble to a volume larger than observable space in a fraction of a second.



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Plan Reaffirms Preemption Doctrine

Security report paints Iran as threat to U.S., stresses diplomacy

WASHINGTON | In the first major foreign policy review since 2002, President Bush said Thursday that Iran may pose the greatest challenge to the United States. He criticized China and Russia for political repression and underscored his administration's strike-first policy against terrorists and other enemies.

"Our preference is to act through diplomacy in conjunction with friends and allies. That is our preference. That is our practice," Stephen Hadley, the president's national security adviser, said about the pre-emption doctrine he insists is not aimed at Iran.



RE-EMPHASIZED: National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley said Thursday that diplomacy is "our preference," but that the U.S. retains the right to strike its enemies.

"It simply says, that one cannot let dangers grow to the point of imminent threat to the United States without taking action, and

if other measures fail, obviously we retain the right to use force."

The 49-page report also said: North Korea poses a serious nuclear

proliferation challenge; expresses dismay at rollbacks in democratic reform in Russia; brands Syria a tyranny that harbors terrorists and sponsors terrorist activity; and warns China against denying personal and political freedoms.

The report accuses Iran of meddling in Iraq and equipping the insurgency, which is threatening a fragile democracy in Baghdad. The report was released as U.S. and Iraqi forces launched the largest air assault mission against insurgents and terrorists in Iraq since the U.S.-led invasion in April 2003.

The report is an updated version of one Bush issued in 2002 that outlined the pre-emptive policy, marking an end of a deterrent military strategy that dominated the Cold War.



TSA lawyer Carla J. Martin leaves federal court in Alexandria, Va., Tuesday.

Terror Trial Lawyer on Paid Leave

WASHINGTON | The lawyer accused by a judge of coaching witnesses in the death penalty case of Zacarias Moussaoui was placed on paid leave from her job Thursday as the trial remained in recess.

The move was confirmed by Yolanda Clark, a spokeswoman for the Transportation Security Administration.

The TSA lawyer, Carla Martin, violated federal witness rules when she sent trial transcripts to seven aviation witnesses, coached them on how to deflect defense attacks and lied to defense lawyers to prevent them from interviewing witnesses they wanted to call, a federal judge said Tuesday.

Efforts to reach Martin for comment were unsuccessful, but her attorney said she was preparing a response. **LESLIE MILLER (AP)**

Military to Probe Attack That Killed 15 Iraqi Civilians

WASHINGTON | The military has opened a criminal investigation into a firefight between U.S. Marines and insurgents last year that left 15 Iraqi civilians dead, defense officials said Thursday.

The inquiry will attempt to determine whether the Marines acted appropriately when they fired back at insurgents following a roadside bomb attack in Haditha, near

Baghdad, in November 2005, said a military official who requested anonymity because the investigation has not been announced yet. The civilians were hit during that battle.

Military officials in Iraq completed a preliminary investigation and have forwarded it to the Navy Criminal Investigative Service.

Fifteen Iraqis, eight insurgents and a U.S. Marine were killed in the firefight, which began when a roadside bomb detonated next to a joint Iraqi-U.S. squad patrolling Haditha. Immediately after the explosion, insurgents attacked the patrol with small arms. **(AP)**

Libby Lawyers Subpoena Journalists

WASHINGTON | The CIA leak case of I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby may be heading for a new battle between the news media and the courts, the second such confrontation triggered by the Valerie Plame affair.

Lawyers for Libby are casting a wide net for information from the media for his criminal trial, subpoenaing documents from The New York Times, Time magazine and reporters including NBC's Tim Russert.

Vice President Dick Cheney's former chief of staff is entitled to find out what the news media knew about

the CIA status of undercover officer Plame before her identity was exposed, Libby's lawyers said in court papers.

Libby was indicted Oct. 28 on five counts of perjury, obstruction and lying to the FBI and a federal grand jury about how he became aware of Plame's CIA status and what he said to reporters.

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Senate Raises Debt Ceiling to \$9T

House OKs \$92B for hurricane relief, wars in Iraq, Afghanistan

WASHINGTON | The Senate on Thursday passed an election-year budget plan without President Bush's tax cuts and Medicare curbs, hours after lifting the ceiling on the national debt to \$9 trillion.

The spending blueprint, approved 51-49, little resembles Bush's proposal last month for the budget year that begins Oct. 1.

To the disappointment of budget hawks, the Senate's measure would break Bush's proposed caps on spending for programs such as education, low-income heating subsidies and health research.

Congress pushed the ceiling on the national debt to nearly \$9 trillion Thursday, and the House and Senate promptly voted for major spending initiatives for the war in Iraq, hurricane relief and education.

The House overwhelmingly approved a \$92 billion measure that would provide more money

for the war in Iraq and hurricane relief for the Gulf Coast.

The Senate, on a 52-48 vote, sent President Bush a measure allowing the government to borrow an additional \$781 billion and preventing a first-ever default on Treasury notes. The move allows lawmakers and the president to pay for the war in Iraq without raising taxes or cutting popular domestic programs.

Hours later, the House passed \$92 billion in new money for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and for relief along the hurricane-rav-

Dissension in the Ranks?

→ The latest griping from congressional Republicans comes from outrage over what they consider an arrogant and ineffective White House | **Today, A Section**

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aged Gulf Coast.

Senators voted 51-49 to add \$3 billion to the budget for heating subsidies for the poor, adding \$7 billion for education, health and worker safety accounts. ANDREW TAYLOR (AP)

In Brief

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

State Holds Church Arson Suspects on New Charges

Three college students accused of setting fire to a string of rural churches were granted release on bail by a federal judge Thursday, but they will remain in custody because of new arrest warrants issued by the state. The Alabama warrants charged the trio with arson in Bibb County, where five of the nine blazes occurred early last month, and officials said charges were possible in the western Alabama counties where four more small Baptist churches were torched. The three were arrested on March 8. (AP)

SANTA ANA, CALIF.

Ex-Prison Gang Member Says Gotti Ordered Hit on Inmate

A former member of the notorious Aryan Brotherhood prison gang testified Thursday that gang kingpin Barry "The Baron" Mills once ordered a killing at the request of John Gotti after another inmate jumped the mob boss in a prison yard. Glen West, a member of the white supremacist gang from 1981 to 2003, said Gotti later told him he offered \$100,000 to the group if they would kill Walter Johnson. The killing was never carried out, prosecutors have said. (AP)

NORTH CAROLINA | 4 KILLED IN BOATING ACCIDENT



REELED IN: A Coast Guard boat brings an 18-foot catamaran into the dock at a guard station on Oak Island, N.C., Thursday. Four volunteer firefighters on a fishing trip died and two swam to safety after their small boat overturned.

Audit: Katrina Contracts Blew Millions

WASHINGTON | The government wasted millions of dollars in its award of post-Katrina Hurricane contracts for disaster relief, including at least \$3 million for 4,000 beds that were never used, congressional auditors said Thursday.

The Government Accountability Office's review of 13 major contracts — many of them awarded with limited or no competition after the Aug. 29 hurricane — offers the first preliminary overview.

Waste and mismanagement were widespread due to poor planning and miscommunication, according to the five-page briefing paper released

Thursday. That led to money being paid for services, such as housing or ice, that were never used.

By and large, the initial criticism of FEMA from members of Congress and others was that the agency moved too slowly to assist hurricane victims.

Of more than 700 contracts valued at \$500,000 or greater, more than half were awarded without full competition or with vague or open-ended terms, including politically connected companies such as Halliburton subsidiary Kellogg, Brown & Root, Bechtel Corp. and AshBritt Inc. HOPE YEN (AP)

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The number of digits of Pi a Virginia teen recited from memory in a contest this week. Gaurav Rajav, 15, will try again in May to recite 10,790 digits of the non-repeating and non-terminating decimal, in order to set a new record in the United States and North America.

Bomb Scare Evacuates Calif. Arena

Suspicious package clears stadium before NCAA basketball game

SAN DIEGO | The arena for the first-round NCAA men's tournament game between Alabama and Marquette was temporarily evacuated Thursday after bomb-sniffing dogs found a suspicious package

about two hours before tipoff.

The dogs detected the package inside a 4-by-6-inch condiment container in a vendor cart outside Cox Arena at San Diego State University. A bomb robot was sent to the scene, FBI spokeswoman Jan Caldwell said.

An all-clear was given about two hours later and fans were allowed in once security staff took their posts

inside the arena.

Authorities were alerted at 9:18 a.m., before the scheduled 10 a.m. opening of the arena, and evacuated a "handful" of vendors who were inside. The game was rescheduled to start at 12:50 p.m. — 70 minutes later than the original tip time.

"We will continue to remain vigilant in our security planning throughout our tournament, and

the safety and security of our student-athletes, teams and fans is paramount," the NCAA said in a statement.

The FBI warned last week of a recent Internet posting discussing terrorists attacks aimed at college basketball arenas and other sports stadiums, but also said there were no specific or credible threats.

BETH HARRIS (AP)



Bomb squad members use a robot to check a suspicious package Thursday.

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AUSTRIA, NOT AUSTRALIA: A kangaroo led perplexed police in Austria on a snowy chase Thursday after it jumped the fence of its cage and decided to explore its wintry surroundings. In the end, a local veterinarian helped capture the animal using a stun gun.

World

In Brief

MINSK, BELARUS

Terror Charges Threatened For Election Day Protesters

The head of the Belarusian state security service warned Thursday that any protesters who take to the streets on election day Sunday could be charged with terrorism, and accused the opposition of plotting to seize power with foreign help. The statement was the government's strongest warning yet against street rallies on election day, when opposition leaders have called for peaceful protests if the voting is considered fraudulent. (AP)

BANGKOK, THAILAND

PM Denies Reports That He May Temporarily Step Down

Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra vowed Thursday to lead his party to victory in next month's election despite widespread street protests demanding he step down. Thaksin had said he might step down temporarily amid allegations of abuse of power. But on Thursday he said he would not bow to mob rule and denied reports that he will step aside. (AP)

LONDON

Judge Ready to Rule on Publishing Charles' Diaries

A British judge was due to rule Friday on whether a newspaper can publish revealing diaries kept by Prince Charles during trips abroad. The judge was to announce his decision on the prince's claim for breaches of confidentiality and copyright against the publisher of the Mail on Sunday newspaper. (AP)

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Joint Air Assault Targets Insurgents

'Operation Swarmer' launched as Iraqi parliament convenes

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | In a well-publicized show of force, U.S. and Iraqi forces swept into the countryside north of the capital in 50 helicopters Thursday looking for insurgents in what the American military called its "largest air assault" in nearly three years.

The military said the assault — Operation Swarmer — detained 41 people, found stolen uniforms and captured weapons including explosives used in making roadside bombs. It said the operation would continue over several days.

There was no bombing or firing from the air in the offensive northeast of Samarra, a town 60 miles north of Baghdad, the U.S. military said. All 50 aircraft were helicopters — Black Hawks, Apaches and Chinooks — used to ferry in and provide cover for the 1,450 Iraqi and U.S. troops.

Residents in the area reported a heavy U.S. and Iraqi troop presence and said large explosions could be heard in the distance.

Thursday's operation appeared concentrated near four villages — Jillam, Mamlaha, Banat Hassan and Bukaddou. The settlements are near the highway leading from Samarra to the city of Adwar, scene



Iraqi Army soldiers receive a briefing from a U.S. Blackhawk crew chief prior to the start of Operation Swarmer on Thursday.

of repeated insurgent roadblocks and ambushes.

The attack was launched as Iraq's new parliament met briefly for the first time. Lawmakers took the oath but did no business and adjourned after just 40 minutes, unable to agree on a speaker, let alone a prime minister. The legislature set no date to meet again.

Adnan Pachachi, the senior politician who administered the oath in the absence of a parliament speaker, spoke of a country in crisis.



Iraqi leaders Jalal Talabani, left, Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim and Ibrahim al-Jaafari attend the parliament meeting.

"We have to prove to the world that a civil war is not and will not take place among our people," Pachachi told lawmakers.

As he spoke, Pachachi was interrupted from the floor by senior Shiite leader Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim, who said the remarks were political and inappropriate.

Acting Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari later told reporters, "If politicians work seriously, we can have a government within a month."

STEVEN R. HURST (AP)

Concerns Rise on African Migrants

NOUAKCHOTT, MAURITANIA | African migrants desperate to escape the world's poorest continent are streaming through Mauritania in "unimaginable" numbers to embark on a perilous ocean voyage to Europe that has already killed hundreds, the prime minister said.

The exodus prompted a call for help from Mauritania Thursday, and European leaders concerned about absorbing the immigrants already on their shores are eager to cooperate.

More than 1,000 Africans — some driven by hope for jobs,



A boat of migrants is seized Thursday off the coast of Spain's Canary Islands.

others escaping their continent's many wars — have died over the past four months alone while trying to sail in small wooden boats

from Mauritania to Spain's faraway Canary Islands, Mauritania's Red Crescent branch says.

Prime Minister Sidi Mohamed Ould Boubacar — calling on the West to send planes, boats and vehicles so Mauritania could better patrol its borders — said Thursday that authorities had arrested 3,900 migrants in 2005 but that 1,200 had already been detained this year.

"What is arriving is unimaginable," he said.

Boubacar appealed in particular to the European Union, the destination of most of the African migrants. AHMED MOHAMMED (AP)

Hamas Fails To Win Coalition

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP | Hamas ended coalition talks Thursday after failing to secure a single party as a partner, but said it will form a government on its own — a scenario likely to ensure international isolation for the Islamic militants.

The new Cabinet, to be presented to parliament next week, must also win the approval of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, who has been telling Hamas, which swept January elections, that it must first renounce violence and accept interim peace accords with Israel. (AP)

World



PICTURE SHOW: Hollywood giant Metro Goldwyn Mayer Inc. plans to build a movie theme park in the South Korean city of Busan, the city government has announced. The site will include theaters, an amusement park, studio sets and a film academy.

Few Mourn for Milosevic

First public viewing of coffin draws mainly die-hard supporters

BELGRADE, SERBIA-MONTENEGRO | The flag-draped coffin of Slobodan Milosevic went on public display Thursday, but it drew relatively few mourners paying tribute to the former president who died while on trial for genocide and war crimes.

Hundreds of die-hard Milosevic supporters — not the tens of thousands that organizers had predicted — lined up to view his casket in a museum dedicated to the late communist dictator Josip Broz Tito in Belgrade's plush Dedinje district.

When the doors first opened, the crowd scrambled to get in, pushing back security guards amid cries of "Slobo! Slobo!"

But the turnout was nowhere near the huge crowds Milosevic once commanded in his heyday.

Authorities had formally



Milosevic loyalists outside the Belgrade museum where his coffin is on display.

rejected a state funeral, leaving it to Milosevic's party to organize the ceremony. The Socialists maintained it was still a dignified moment, a "people's burial."

Milosevic will be buried Saturday

at a family estate in his hometown of Pozarevac, 30 miles southeast of Belgrade.

Milorad Vucelic, Socialist Party deputy president, said he expected Milosevic's widow, Mirjana Markovic, to arrive Friday from Moscow. Markovic, who lives in self-imposed exile in Russia, has indicated she would not come until all charges against her for alleged abuse of power during Milosevic's reign were dropped.

Among Thursday's mourners was Milivoje Zivkovic, 81, who said he wanted to pay tribute to "the man who loved his country more than any other Serb."

But many felt differently, underscoring how Milosevic and his legacy have bitterly divided Serbs.

"It's disgusting, this wailing for a man who killed so many, destroyed Serbia's hopes and chances," taxi driver Predrag Iricanin said as he drove by the gathering. "When I see them, I am ashamed of being a Serb." KATARINA KRATOVAC (AP)



Protesters clash with riot police following a student protest over a new labor law in Paris Thursday. Some 247,000 demonstrators took part in marches across France.

Protests Over French Job Plan Turn Violent

PARIS | Police fired rubber pellets and tear gas at youths who pelted them with stones and torched cars in the heart of Paris Thursday, a violent turn in nationwide protests against a new labor law that brought a quarter-million people onto France's streets.

Police and rioters waged a back-and-forth battle amid acrid clouds of tear gas outside the Sorbonne University on the Left Bank. Several hundred youths threw firebombs and metal crowd-control barriers, among other items. Five cars were overturned, and several were torched.

Police responded with a water cannon, tear gas, baton charges and rubber pellets to disperse the rioters, who formed a very small minority of demonstrators. Paris

police said they took 150 people into custody, and that 35 officers suffered injuries.

Earlier, the protest had been boisterous but peaceful, with tens of thousands of students whistling, chanting and beating drums.

In all, national police said, some 247,000 protesters took part in nearly 200 mostly peaceful marches across the country — an intergenerational test of strength between France's youth and the conservative government of 73-year-old President Jacques Chirac.

The protesters' anger focuses on a new form of job contract championed by Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin that will allow employers to fire young workers within their first two years in a job without giving a reason. JOHN LEICESTER (AP)

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Australians Twice Disrupt Rice Speech

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA | U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, twice shouted down by anti-war protesters who called her a killer, told critics Thursday the verdict on the U.S.-led war in Iraq should be left to history.

"I'm quite aware that there are those who disagree about the decision that we would overthrow Saddam Hussein," Rice said in response to a university student who

cited opinion polls showing more than 60 percent of Australians have a negative view of the U.S. and its foreign policy.

Rice was twice shouted down by protesters as she spoke to students from several Australian universities gathered at Sydney University's music school.

Australia said this week it will keep troops in Iraq at least well into next year. (AP)

\$25M

The amount Maryland Gov. Robert Ehrlich asked the state legislature on Thursday to spend on implementing a paper-ballot voting system. Instead, a Senate committee voted to put the money toward an electronic poll-book system.

Local

In Brief

ANNAPOLIS, MD.

Senate Moves Ahead With Bill to Cut Plant Emissions

Can power companies afford to slash pollutants at coal-fired plants without raising rates? The question sparked long debate Thursday in the Senate, where lawmakers voted 34-12 to go ahead with a bill requiring seven coal-fired plants to cut four emissions, including carbon dioxide. Gov. Ehrlich has proposed rules for plants that would cut some emissions but not carbon dioxide, thought to contribute to global warming. (AP)



Ehrlich

COLLEGE PARK, MD.

Federal, Fairfax Co. Officials Raid At Least 2 Homes

At least two homes in Prince George's County were raided Thursday, but law enforcement agencies involved would not say why. Houses in College Park and Bowie were targeted. In both cases, investigators from various federal agencies, as well as the Fairfax County police, hauled off electronics. (AP)

MILLERSVILLE, MD.

Firefighters Contain Brush Fire in Environmental Area

Firefighters said they contained a brush fire that broke out Thursday in Anne Arundel County on about 100 acres of the Severn Run Natural Environmental Area, fire officials said. No damage to property has been reported, officials said. (AP)

IN The Washington Post | COSTLY SOLOMON'S FIRE



DAMAGE ASSESSMENT: On the day after fire in Solomon's Island destroyed two restaurants and a 4-unit townhouse, James Braquet, who said he was a friend of the employees at Bowen's Inn, stood where the restaurant had used to be. Officials are now trying to evaluate the economic impact the fire will have on the town just as tourism season begins. | **Today in Metro**

MetroAccess Vans Get \$1M Upgrade

77 more vehicles will be equipped with GPS and other technology

WASHINGTON | Metro plans to spend more than \$1 million upgrading vans for its beleaguered curb-to-curb service for the disabled, in hopes of reducing complaints of late or missed trips.

The transit agency's board agreed Thursday to equip 77 more MetroAccess vehicles with global positioning systems, as well as on-board cameras and radios. The changes could be fully implemented in about a month.

Of those vans, 22 would be new

to the fleet, bolstering the number of fully equipped vehicles to 322. The increase is expected to help Metro meet passenger demand during the busy afternoon hours.

About 15 percent of MetroAccess rides are now provided by taxis, which are less desirable than vans because they lack GPS technology and aren't controlled by the MetroAccess call center, officials said.

Metro hopes to reduce the reliance on cabs to 5 percent, as set in its contract with MV Transportation — the provider of the service.

"It will improve service reliability," said Christian Kent, director of MetroAccess. BRIAN WESTLEY (AP)

Roosevelt Bridge To Get Repairs

WASHINGTON | The Roosevelt Bridge is undergoing much-needed work.

The District of Columbia Department of Transportation announced Thursday there will be off-peak closures on the eastbound lanes over the next four months to repair the bridge deck.

"There will be some delays, but they will be manageable," said Bill Rice, a spokesman for DDOT.

Ramp C from Route 50 in Virginia and Ramp F, south of the George Washington Parkway will be closed on weekends from 9:30 p.m. Friday to 5 a.m. Monday. (AP)

Cooperation Urged to Clean Potomac

WASHINGTON | Communities along the Potomac River watershed are vowing to work together to build support for cleaning up the river.

At a conference Thursday, they urged a coordinated effort among governments — along with massive help from volunteers — to stop litter from getting into the streams and tributaries flowing through the

nearly 15,000 square mile Potomac River Watershed.

"We all need to take responsibility for this," said Rep. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md., during the Potomac Watershed Trash Summit held at the headquarters of the World Bank in Washington. The congressman joined government officials and representatives of environmen-

tal groups involved in longtime efforts to fight litter and pollution problems on the river system.

While many of the initial efforts will be focused on the Potomac, Anacostia, Monocacy and Occoquan rivers and Rock Creek, future litter abatement efforts could also include the Savage, Shenandoah, Cacapon and North and South Branch rivers, as well as Antietam, Catoctin and Seneca creeks. DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

The Lotteries

Thursday, March 16

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers **0-5-3 (White)**

Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)

6-4-6 (White)

Evening Lucky Numbers (Thurs.)

9-7-1 (White)

Mid-day DC 4

4-6-8-4

Evening DC 4 (Wed.)

8-5-4-2

Evening DC 4 (Thurs.)

1-0-8-5

Rolling Cash Five (Wed.) **4-15-19-26-34**

Rolling Cash Five (Thurs.) **27-34-21-32-25**

Daily 6 (Wed.) **1-2-5-9-16-35 Bonus: 21**

Daily 6 (Thurs.)

32-10-6-15-24-26 Bonus: 17

Hot Lotto (Wed.) **3-5-15-17-33 (19)**

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3 **2-3-6**

Evening Pick 3 (Wed.) **5-1-4**

Evening Pick 3 (Thurs.) **7-5-2**

Mid-day Pick 4 **8-9-3-9**

Evening Pick 4 (Thurs.) **5-8-8-9**

Evening Pick 4 (Wed.) **5-8-1-3**

Match 5 (Wed.) **10-16-25-26-37 (35)**

Match 5 (Thurs.) **1-10-11-13-22 (37)**

Multi-Match (Wed.) **2-15-19-22-26-39**

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.) **8-3-9**

Evening Pick 3 (Wed.) **7-5-9**

Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.) **5-3-5-7**

Evening Pick 4 (Wed.) **1-8-9-4**

Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.) **9-11-13-17-30**

Evening Cash 5 (Wed.) **1-5-9-21-34**

Win for Life **19-29-33-37-40-41 (10)**

MULTI-STATE GAMES

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Free General Admission

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Greenberg Theatre
4200 Wisconsin Avenue

5:00 p.m. DATELINE AFGHANISTAN: Reporting the Forgotten War
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Money

Bear Stearns Fined \$250M

News of illegal trading penalty comes as firm reports record profits

NEW YORK | Bear Stearns Cos. on Thursday became the third brokerage in as many days to post record first-quarter earnings and revenues, but the good news was overshadowed by old problems — illegal market timing practices that bilked mutual fund investors out of millions.

The New York Stock Exchange and the Securities and Exchange Commission announced Thursday that they fined Bear Stearns \$250 million for illegally helping hedge funds and other customers trade mutual fund shares. It was the biggest settlement ever reached by the NYSE's regulatory arm.

Bear Stearns settled the case



MARK LENNHAN/AP

The New York headquarters of investment and brokerage firm Bear Stearns.

without admitting or denying the charges. The company will pay \$90 million in fines and relinquish \$160 million in profits and interest, and the entire \$250 million will go back

to investors, regulators said.

According to NYSE Regulation, Bear Stearns engaged in a pattern of deceptive market timing and late trading of fund shares from 1999 through 2003. The trades were designed to take advantage of the time between the markets' closing and the new share values posted by mutual fund companies. Bear Stearns brokers would process trades after the market closed, giving customers better prices than once the share price of the funds was recalculated.

The news came just as Bear Stearns Chief Financial Officer Sam Molinaro prepared to discuss the company's record earnings for the first quarter Thursday. For the quarter ending Feb. 28, Bear Stearns earned \$508.7 million compared to \$372.3 million in the first quarter of 2005. MICHAEL J. MARTINEZ (AP)

Drop in Energy Costs Slows Inflation

WASHINGTON | Inflation, after posting a big spike at the start of the year, slowed sharply in February, reflecting large declines in gasoline and other fuel prices.

The Consumer Price Index edged up a tiny 0.1 percent last month, the Labor Department reported Thursday, after a 0.7 percent

surge in January that was driven by higher energy costs.

But in February, energy prices fell by 1.2 percent as gasoline pump prices dropped 1 percent, home heating oil was down 2.8 percent and natural gas prices fell 4.5 percent, the biggest one-month drop in 4½ years.

Food prices also showed moderation last month, rising by just 0.2 percent, as a big increase in fruit prices was offset by declines in the prices of vegetables, dairy and poultry products.

Outside of energy and food, core inflation was well-behaved, edging up a slight 0.1 percent with core prices up a moderate 2.1 percent over the past 12 months. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
AIPC If	6.12	+1.95	+46.8
InputOut	9.70	+1.31	+15.6
CorusGr	14.93	+1.49	+11.1
BarnesNbl	47.40	+4.18	+9.7
SmrtFn	16.66	+1.47	+9.7

Losers

PennTrt rs	9.03	-1.91	-17.5
ISE	47.10	-4.93	-9.5
Winnbgo	28.97	-3.04	-9.5
LamSessn	23.23	-1.87	-7.5
Teradyn	14.78	-1.14	-7.2

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
EpiCept n	4.19	+1.00	+31.3
CryoCor n	2.79	+.54	+24.0
MetaFinl	26.25	+4.77	+22.2
Iridex	10.05	+1.71	+20.5
AmPac	8.00	+1.20	+17.6

Losers

AmerSvc If	13.95	-5.65	-28.8
Kulicke	8.99	-2.29	-20.3
FaroTch	13.37	-3.04	-18.5
Ampex n	19.19	-3.50	-15.4
EncorW	31.15	-5.35	-14.7

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	7.50	7.50
Fed Funds close	4.50	4.50
3-month disc	4.49	4.47
2-year	4.62	4.72
10-year	4.64	4.72
30-year	4.69	4.72

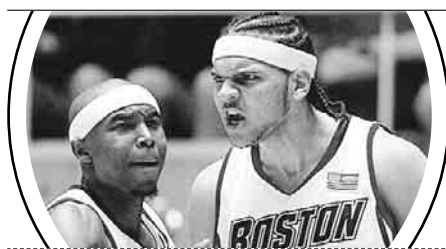
Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5692	.5722	.5192
Canadian Dollar	1.1525	1.1543	1.2037
European Euro	.8212	.8285	.7455
Japanese Yen	116.79	117.26	104.12
Mexican Peso	10.6205	10.6665	11.2270
Taiwanese Dollar	32.40	32.35	30.98

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+43.47	-12.28	+2.31
+0.39	-0.53	+0.18
11253.24	2299.56	1305.33

Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
Allergan	117.27	+1.92	+8.6
AstraZen	51.18	+1.16	+5.3
BarrPhm	62.33	-1.05	+.1
BrMySq	22.82	+.05	-.7
ForestLab	44.89	+.15	+10.3
Hospira	41.34	-.46	-3.4
IvaxCorp	25.98	...	-17.1
JohnJn	60.02	+.22	-.1
LillyEli	57.23	+.26	+1.1
Merck	35.28	+.12	+10.9
MylanLab	24.82	+.90	+24.3
Pfizer	26.05	+.10	+11.7
SchergPl	18.58	+.17	-10.9
Sepracor	55.54	-.47	+7.6
Wyeth	49.67	+.32	+7.8

**MARCH MADNESS**

Opening Tip: BC and Tennessee escape close calls in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. Nevada isn't so lucky | **15**

Sports Weekend



ON TOP OF THE WORLD: Roy Hibbert and Georgetown were riding high after defeating Duke, a game that thrust the Hoyas back onto the national college hoops scene.

Big Bounce

John Thompson III leads Hoyas back to NCAA Tournament

HOYAS HOOPS | The scene was not unique. It was occurring at dozens of campuses across the nation at that very moment.

A pack of unusually tall teenagers and twenty-somethings gathered in front of a television set. An even larger pack of their peers — maybe a couple hundred — fanned out around them. All were waiting for that moment. And then it flashed across the screen. “Georgetown.”

The Hoyas were back in the NCAA Tournament and the cheer went up.

“It was so loud we didn’t hear who we were playing or where we were playing at,” senior Brandon Bowman said.

What he didn’t

NO. 7 GEORGETOWN VS. NO. 10 NORTHERN IOWA, 2:30 P.M.
Georgetown Hoyas

→ **Record** : 21-9
→ **Avg. points** : 66.7
→ **FG pct.** : .472
→ **Opp. FG pct.** : .422

Northern Iowa Panthers

→ **Record** : 23-9
→ **Avg. points** : 66.1
→ **FG pct.** : .457
→ **Opp. FG pct.** : .403

hear was that the seventh-seeded Hoyas (21-9) would open with No. 10 Northern Iowa (23-9) today in Dayton, Ohio. The scene was unique for these Hoyas, none of whom has ever played in the tournament before. Both Bowman and fellow senior Darrel Owens said they had never in their life watched the tournament selection show on television. No reason. The Hoyas weren’t in contention.

To hear the players tell it, the difference

is clear. The program that rose to the national spotlight under coach John Thompson is returning there because of his son, coach John Thompson III.

“The first thing I’m going to remember is we did it while I was still here,” Owens said. “One day talking to my kids I can always say that I played for Coach Thompson and I played on a team that changed the program.”

In the first season under Thompson, Georgetown finished 19-13, good for a spot in the NIT. This season, after a five-year absence, the Hoyas are back in the big tournament.

The players point to the grueling practices and a constant focus on the next game. They credit a man who got instant respect because of his father’s reputation at the school, but who has kept that respect on his own merit.

The Hoyas have played three of the tournament’s four No. 1 seeds, defeating Duke and losing close contests against Connecticut and Villanova. The expectations are higher now, Thompson said.

“To win the championship, you have to be invited to play. Our goal doesn’t end with just getting an invitation,” he said. “Our guys realize we can play with any team in the country.” **DEREK TURNER**

TV Lineup



Dirk Nowitzki and Mavericks head to Verizon Center for a game on Friday.

→ **FOUR SCORE?** Can the Wizards make it four straight wins when hosting the Dallas Mavericks on Friday (7 p.m. on CSN)? Win or lose, Washington then plays the Chicago Bulls on Sunday (3:30 p.m. on CSN).

→ **CATCH THEM NOW:** After Saturday’s game (7 p.m. on CSN) against the Florida Panthers, the Washington Capitals have just four home games this season.

→ **HOYA HOOPLA:** No. 7 seed Georgetown has a tough test in Northern Iowa in the first round of the NCAA Tournament on Friday (2:30 p.m. on CBS). A win advances the Hoyas to a second round game against either Ohio State or Davidson Sunday (TBA on CBS).

→ **SPARTAN:** No. 11 George Mason will take on No. 6 Michigan State on Friday (7:10 p.m. on CBS). A win means a second-round game against either North Carolina or Murray State Sunday (TBA on CBS).

→ **SHELL GAME:** The Maryland Terrapins are the No. 2 seed against No. 15 Sacred Heart in the first round of the women’s NCAA Tournament on Sunday (2:30 p.m. on ESPN2).

→ **THE DOMINION:** No. 7 seed GW takes on No. 10 Old Dominion in the first round of the women’s tourney Sunday (2:30 p.m. on ESPN).

CHARITY | Pretty in Pink Some NHL players will be in the pink this weekend on the ice. In a tribute to hockey moms and to raise awareness of breast cancer, hockey players such as Tie Domi, Mats Sundin, Steve Yzerman, Sidney Crosby and Ed Belfour will use pink sticks during

ing games on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the Chatham Daily News reported Wednesday. Manufacturer TPS Hockey is spending an estimated \$50,000 for the initiative, which sprouted in the Gretzky family home in Brantford, Ont., shortly after the death of Wayne Gretzky’s mother. (AP)

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There have been plenty of high-fives for Maryland this year, as the lady Terrapins finished the season as the No. 3 ranked team in the country despite their No. 2 seed.

For Terps Women, Youth Is Served

No. 2 seed Maryland out to show it has the right stuff in tourney

TERPS WOMEN | Don't tell sophomore Crystal Langhorne that she and many of her teammates look like they haven't been out of grade school very long.

They may be young, she said, but they're plenty old enough to win the national championship.

"People are saying we're so young all the time and it's really getting annoying," Langhorne said. "It doesn't matter how young you are. If you bring a bunch of great players together, they can do so much."

The Maryland Terrapins (28-4) will get a chance to show just how mature they are, beginning Sunday when they take on Sacred Heart (26-4) in the opening round of the NCAA tournament in University Park, Pa.

They said all the right things on Monday when, despite being ranked third in the nation, they were passed up for a top seed in the tournament.

To prove the selection committee wrong, the second-seeded Terrapins likely will have to go through the defending national champions, No. 3 Baylor, and the team that knocked them from last year's tournament, No. 1 Ohio State.

"We're a different team than we were a year ago. So is Baylor and same with Ohio State," coach Brenda Frese said. "Obviously, we feel like we warranted a No. 1 seed. But it doesn't matter."

The Terrapins are a different team. Langhorne has developed into one of the nation's top post players, earning all-Atlantic Coast Conference honors and a Wooden Award nomination. But she counts as a veteran in a starting lineup that usually consists of two freshmen, Kristi Tolliver and ACC rookie of the year Marissa Coleman, two sophomores, Langhorne and Jade Perry, and one junior in Shay Doron.

"We're getting better with the years. It's a learning process for all of us," Doron said. "There's no better time to be a Terp than right now." **DEREK TURNER**

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Patriots Are Playing Hardball

George Mason ready for a physical contest against Michigan St.

COLLEGE HOOPS | Jim Larranaga bellowed instructions Tuesday afternoon as the squeak of sneakers echoed through the cavern of the empty Patriot Center.

The Patriots rehearsed plays with the same serious approach that helped the Colonial Athletic Association regular-season co-champs squeeze out an at-large invite to the big dance.

And then they played baseball. "We've taken a very business-like approach to the season to put ourselves in the position to get an at-large berth should we not win the CAA Tournament," said Larranaga, who pitched part of the impromptu three-inning game played on the Patriot Center hardwood. "I saw the



George Mason center Jai Lewis will face a tall task against Michigan State Friday.

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- Record: 22-11
- Avg. points: 75.2
- FG pct.: .484
- Opp. FG pct.: .432

George Mason Patriots

- Record: 23-7
- Avg. points: 69.4
- FG pct.: .484
- Opp. FG pct.: .386

intensity of our team and maybe a little tightness in practice on Monday and said we have to find a little something to relax the team."

The Patriots (23-7) will need an even-keel approach if they want to beat a very physical Michigan State squad.

The Spartans (22-11) were a Final Four team last season, beating

George Mason on the way in a 66-60 contest at the BB&T Classic.

Larranaga said the experience of last year's BB&T match-up will serve to minimize any intimidation factor the Patriots might face against a big-name opponent.

That's not to say Mason won't be playing with some handicap. No. 2 scorer Tony Skinn is suspended for the first-round game after punching Hofstra's Loren Stokes in the groin during their CAA Tournament semifinal loss.

Still, with four other starters scoring in double figures, the story Friday shouldn't be who can pick up the slack on offense, but if Mason can keep the Spartans from dictating the pace and beating them on the boards, where the Spartans enjoy a height advantage.

"Let's face it, Michigan State is expected to win," Larranaga said. "A lot of people don't even think we deserve to be in the tournament, but we're going to go and have fun. We're going to go play the best basketball that we can play." ERIC BRANDNER

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Wizards Find a Groove

Washington up to 3 wins in a row as team eyes playoff position

WIZARDS | There are three D.C. constants: Cherry blossoms in April, inebriated twentysomethings in Adams Morgan on weekends, and tourists clogging Metro escalators daily.

The play of this year's Washington Wizards squad has no chance to make that list. But just when it looked so easy to write off Eddie Jordan's inconsistent team as a fringe contender in the East, they pull off three straight wins.

In case you missed it, Washington (33-30) jumped out to a 12-0 lead against Charlotte on Wednesday at the Verizon Center and cruised to a 107-99 victory.

Does this mean the Wizards are finally finding their groove?

"We've been clicking," Gilbert Arenas said. "The games we did lose we played great basketball and at the end we just couldn't pull it out. Now, we're getting calls, making baskets and at the end of the game we're winning."

Sure, Wednesday night's game against Charlotte isn't the best indicator of where the Wizards will be when the regular season wraps up next month. There were encouraging signs, though.

Jared Jeffries and Gilbert Arenas worked a good inside-outside game



JOEL RICHARDSON/TWP

Gilbert Arenas soars over the Charlotte Bobcats in Wednesday's home victory.

at times Wednesday night. Arenas and Antonio Daniels hit key jumpers in the fourth quarter to keep the Bobcats from clawing back.

That's not to say the question marks have dissipated. They allowed a clearly outmanned Bobcats team to play even with them in the second half. They also turned it over 23 times. "[Charlotte] had us scrambling a little bit," Jordan said. "It was a good win, but I'm disappointed in a lot of things."

The Wizards now have three straight home games against playoff

contenders, starting tonight against Western Conference power Dallas (51-14).

And as the streaking Wizards win, the drama becomes less about if they'll make a return trip to the playoffs and more about who they'll play when they get there. At their current pace, Washington would get the No. 6 seed and a first-round match-up against New Jersey — a much preferred foe to potential No. 2 seed Miami, which has beat the Wizards in 15 straight contests.

ERIC BRANDNER

Garcia Lands in Philly as a Backup

NFL | The Philadelphia Eagles signed Jeff Garcia on Thursday to back up Donovan McNabb at quarterback.

The 36-year-old Garcia, a three-time Pro Bowl selection during his five seasons in San Francisco, played for Cleveland in 2004 before going to Detroit last year.

He will be a step up for the Eagles over Mike McMahon, who played poorly in seven starts after McNabb had season-ending surgery for a sports hernia last year.

Garcia signed a one-year contract with Philly, as did Jabar Gaffney, a wide receiver signed from Houston.



MATT ROUREK/AP

Jeff Garcia played last year in Detroit, which might cut QB Joey Harrington.

Garcia arrived in Philadelphia two days after the Eagles cut Terrell Owens, who often criticized Garcia when the two played together with

the 49ers.

"Had I signed a day or two ago, we could've been teammates," Garcia said. "I don't have a problem with the guy. He's a tremendous player on the field."

Another quarterback, Joey Harrington, seemed on the way out of Detroit after the Lions agreed to terms with Josh McCown, a part-time starter with Arizona the past two seasons. McCown joins veteran Jon Kitna, second-year-man Dan Orlovsky and the recently signed Shaun King on the Lions' roster along with Harrington, who is due a \$4 million bonus if he is on the roster June 15. (AP)

BC Escapes Close Shave vs. Pacific

Bald-headed Eagles need double overtime to beat Tigers, 88-76

CLOSE CALL | A frantic comeback. A few clutch free throws. A couple of overtimes. The only thing missing was an upset, though it was hard to argue with Boston College's formula for revving up the madness in this year's NCAA tournament.

Baldheaded BC — everyone on the team but Jared Dudley shaved their head before the game — got the first tournament thriller out of the way in a double-overtime 88-76 victory that derailed scrappy Pacific and the Maraker Express.

"People look forward to having the underdog come up and win," BC guard Louis Hinnant said.



Senior Craig Smith celebrates a hard-fought victory for Boston College over Pacific in the first thriller of the NCAA Tournament on Thursday afternoon.

"Fortunately, we didn't allow that to happen."

Not for lack of trying.

The final overtime was anti-climactic, but the fourth-seeded Eagles (27-7) made this one very interesting for the first 45 minutes against the 13th-seeded Tigers and their star, Christian Maraker.

The Eagles trailed by six early in the first overtime. They rallied and needed a pair of free throws from Craig Smith, a 66 percent shooter, with 4.3 seconds left to tie it.

Earlier, with 9 seconds left in regulation, Maraker took advantage of a defensive breakdown and hit an open 3-pointer to tie the game at 65. That capped a Pacific comeback from 13 points down.

On Saturday, Boston College will play Montana. EDDIE PELLIS (AP)



Chris Lofton's last-second jump shot lifted Tennessee over Winthrop.

Vols Deny Cinderella Winthrop

CLOSE CALL | Chris Lofton's remarkable shot allowed Tennessee to avoid a major upset and sent the Volunteers into the NCAA tournament's second round for the first time in six years.

The sophomore took an inbound pass with 2.9 seconds left and rattled home a fallaway jumper to help the second-seeded Volunteers beat Winthrop 63-61 Thursday in the first round of the Washington Regional.

Craig Bradshaw missed a shot right before the buzzer that would have tied it for the Eagles (23-8), who remained winless in six trips to the tournament. They were trying to become the fifth 15th seed to record an upset in the first round, and the first since 2001. Instead the Volunteers advance to face seventh-seeded Wichita State.

The frantic finish capped a heart-pounding game that featured nine ties and eight lead changes, the final one coming on Lofton's shot. (AP)

Montana Plays Spoiler Against No. 5 Nevada

UPSET | The little team from the Big Sky carried on the winning tradition of No. 12 seeds in the NCAA tournament.

Montana overcame a sizable height disadvantage and became the latest No. 12 seed to pull an upset, beating fifth-seeded Nevada 87-79 Thursday in the first round of the Minneapolis Regional.

Since 1985, at least one 12th-seeded team has upset a No. 5 seed in the tournament every year except for 1988 and 2000.

The Grizzlies (24-6) never trailed against the Wolf Pack (27-6), who moved from the role of spoiler to first-round favorite this season. (AP)

Wichita State Upends Seton Hall

BIG WIN | Score an early victory for the Missouri Valley Conference against its critics.

Sean Ogirri had 23 points and hit six 3-pointers to lead Wichita State past Seton Hall of the vaunted

Big East 86-66 Thursday in the first round of the Washington Regional, giving the mid-major conference an impressive debut after hearing plenty about its haul of four NCAA tournament bids.

Paul Miller scored 15 points for the seventh-seeded Shockers (25-8) who were playing their first NCAA tournament game since an 83-62 first-round loss to DePaul in 1988.

Next up is Tennessee is on Saturday. (AP)

NCAA TOURNEY RESULTS

- Wichita St. 86, Seton Hall 66
- Tennessee 63, Winthrop 61
- BC 88, Pacific 76 (2 OT)
- Montana 87, Nevada 79
- UW-Milwaukee 82, Okl. 74
- Florida 76, South Ala. 50
- Alabama 90, Marquette 85



UW-Milwaukee pulled an upset for the second straight year in the tourney.

Later: The GW game ended after Express' deadline. For that and other night results | Today's Post, Sports

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REDSKINS | BY MATT SWENSON

QB Question Looms in D.C.

MY KINGDOM FOR A QUARTERBACK.

For all the fanfare at Redskins Park this week — most of it justified — there's still one itzy, bitzy, tiny question Washington has to answer before it makes its expected Super Bowl run.

Who's going to play quarterback?

OK, Mark Brunell is clearly established as the starter. The veteran lefty showed grit, leadership and some flashes of his glory days in leading the Redskins to the playoffs last season.

But he sure looked out of gas by the end of the loss to the Seahawks. More accurately, Brunell looked like an orange that's been put through the juicer.

Call me a skeptic, but it seems naive to think Brunell's the guy to get the ball to Santana Moss, Antwaan Randle El and Brandon Lloyd.

And Todd Collins, the new back-up just signed, has thrown only 27 passes in the past five years.

That would be 27 more than second-year man Jason Campbell, the presumed quarterback of the future who hasn't played a down yet in regulation. While he appears to be a talent and he won big in college, Campbell still has to prove himself in the pros.

Obviously, it's less than an ideal situation for a team already armed

Brunell looked like an orange that's been put through the juicer.

with a good running game, strong offensive line, three speedy receivers and H-back Chris Cooley.

Maybe Brunell's got one year left in him. If not, the Redskins are going to be kicking themselves for standing pat with so many quarterbacks available this offseason.

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Guzman Has Torn Shoulder

Shortstop will try to avoid operation while Clayton takes the job

NATIONALS | Washington Nationals shortstop Cristian Guzman will try to avoid surgery on his injured right shoulder, but if two weeks of rest and rehab do not work, he could miss much of the season.

What was clear Thursday after a trip to Cincinnati for an MRI exam and second opinion from Dr. Tim Kremchek was that Guzman has a tear in the shoulder and will miss the start of the season. That makes Royce Clayton the club's everyday shortstop.

"It's a pretty serious surgery that has to take place and Dr. Kremchek felt, since he's not a pitcher, he's a shortstop, it was worth at least trying to rehabilitate it," general manager Jim Bowden said. "If he doesn't get better over the next couple of weeks, we'll go ahead and operate."

Guzman will try to build up the muscle around the tear in his throwing shoulder for the next two weeks, then be re-evaluated.

If he needs surgery, "he will be out



John Patterson had six strike outs in the Nats' 8-2 win over the Tigers Thursday.

PATTERSON STAYS HOT

→ **John Patterson** struck out six in five scoreless innings as the Washington Nationals defeated a Detroit Tigers split squad 8-2 Thursday. Patterson has 13 strikeouts in three spring training starts, and has yet to allow a run in 12 innings of work. "I feel good. My locations been good. My breaking balls doing all right, so I'm on pace," Patterson said. (AP)

months, not weeks," Bowden said.

Because of that, manager Frank Robinson said waiting to see how Guzman responds is worth it.

"He may come back from this and be able to compete. But if they go in there and operate, he's done for the season," Robinson said. "If it does work, we'll lose him for a month or so, and that's about it. It's worth the gamble to try this first." (AP)

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Political Puffery

'Thank You for Smoking' is the satire Washington needs

FILM | A marvel of perfect casting, crisp dialogue and biting wit, "Thank You for Smoking" is the first truly must-see, laugh out loud comedy of the year.

In his first feature, based on the novel by Christopher Buckley, writer-director Jason Reitman skewers Washington politicians, journalists, the entertainment business and everyone in between.

And yet, this story of a tobacco industry spinmaster (Aaron Eckhart) and the son who worships him (Cameron Bright) is sort of sweet without trying hard to be.

Reitman comes out swinging as he introduces us to Nick Naylor, Big Tobacco's PR guru, a man who can take any negative and turn it into a positive with his winning smile and a clever argument.

Under scrutiny from a self-righteous Vermont senator (William H. Macy) and an ambitious young reporter (Katie Holmes), just as health advocates step up their anti-



A MAN OF WEALTH AND TASTE: Aaron Eckhart plays a fiendish tobacco lobbyist.

smoking crusade, Nick comes up with an idea to promote cigarette use in films.

His logic: "These days, when somebody smokes in a movie, they're either a psychopath or European." Getting Brad Pitt or Catherine Zeta-Jones to light up would be much better for sales — but he needs help from someone on the inside.

Nick is also buddies with lobbyists for the alcohol and firearms industries (Maria Bello and David Koechner). Together they call themselves the M.O.D. Squad — for Merchants of Death — and their cynical, Scotch-soaked lunches are so rivetingly funny, they make you want to pull up a chair and join them.

Regardless of how he's perceived or how much trouble he gets himself in and out of, Nick remains a hero to his son, Joey, who's only too happy to tag along on Nick's political adventures.

All these elements and subplots, though, seem to get mangled together as the film hurtles toward its conclusion. It feels at times as if Reitman is on the verge of losing control, letting the pace slack at times and neglecting characters.

But the fact that you want to see Nick succeed is a testament both to how well the character is drawn and to how well Eckhart plays him. He gets you to root for the devil, and feel good about doing it. **CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)**



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My 20-year-old brother is in town and I know he would love to go to a jazz or blues bar. Are there any he can get into?

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HR-57, 1610 14th St. NW; 202-667-3700. (Dupont Circle)

Twins Jazz, 1344 U St. NW; 9 & 11 p.m., Fri & Sat., \$15. (U St.-Cardozo)



The Wailin' Mailman, Buck Hill, brings soulful ballads to Twins this weekend.

I have friends coming this weekend and need something fun to do indoors.

The Environmental Film Festival is the place to be. If you haven't seen "March of Penguins," watch it on the National Gallery's bigger screen Sunday at 11:30 a.m. for free.

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A Dish Best Served on Fire

In 'V for Vendetta,' repression breeds revolutionary revenge

FILM | The totalitarian saga "V for Vendetta" scores well enough in its first hour as it works its way through the alphabet, earning a D for daring and an E for erudite compared to most action-oriented spectacles.

Andy and Larry Wachowski, creators of "The Matrix" movies, wrote the screenplay based on Allan Moore's 1980s graphic novel. Director James McTeigue effectively



ALPHABET CITY: Hugo Weaving conveys the terrorist V's character behind the mask.

creates an image of Britain under the government's boot heel. The film is set in a near future where xenophobic reactionaries have seized control of Britain to stomp out

homosexuals, Muslims, the diseased and other "undesirables." Individual rights and personal freedom are sacrificed for strict law and order, and people are subject to the whims of

a vicious secret police.

Evey (Natalie Portman) is saved from ravagement at the hands of the police by V, who from behind his Guy Fawkes mask and black cape flamboyantly spouts Shakespeare and carries out a one-man campaign of terrorism against the government. Evey is drawn into V's plans to make the ultimate statement against the government and impel the populace to rise up.

Moore's book was a response to the Thatcher era, but the movie makes a rather muddled attempt to extrapolate how a totalitarian society might evolve. Still, the movie strikes an uneasy nerve. The closing images are both horrific and perversely exhilarating. **DAVID GERMAIN (AP)**

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Nightlife Agenda

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

FRIDAY

Hip-hop sure is funny. ("How funny is it?") It's so funny that a couple of pint-sized cold-hearted criminals can make a song containing threats of bodily harm to poseurs trying to wear the mantle of true thuggery, and that song can turn into a club anthem at places like Love, which exclude the work boot-and-ban-danna-wearing element for fear it might dull the sheen of glamour. Jiggy club dancefloors explode when Mobb Deep's "Shook Ones Pt. II" rumbles through the speakers, although Havoc and Prodigy would never be allowed through the doors if they weren't major rap stars. Oh, the irony. Experience it for yourself as Mobb Deep plays at **LOVE** with DJ S&S tonight.

D.C. SANCTUARY is celebrating a three-year run on H Street — a district that is only now showing the upswing that was breathlessly predicted when the space first opened. For the anniversary party tonight, DJ Oji and DJ Earnest Fountain share the decks with Kevin Hedge, one half of the legendary duo Blaze. Make sure you get your disco nap because it's going to be on.

We've never met the D.C. Rollergirls, and we're not huge fans of the scuzzy **GROG AND TANKARD**, but how can we not support a fundraiser for Washington's only female roller derby league? They're promising green beer and a spanking booth — that's the kind of evening it's going to be — plus live music by Temporary Basement, Sapphire and Kick in the Pants and hip-hop DJ Mic the Finite. A \$10 donation to the league is required.

MIRRORS has been booking its stage with poetry, hip-hop, classic soul and Caribbean acts, and now the club's making it happen for the Majic FM's "30 and Over Club Card" members who dig smooth jazz. Marcus Johnson brings his instrumental R&B to the New York Avenue corridor tonight as a harbinger of things to come.

Or you could spend your St. Patrick's Day playing basketball with D.C. Councilmembers



THE REAL THING: Let's get this straight: Prodigy and Havoc play true thug music for well-dressed poseurs and are more welcome onstage than at the bar? Irony.

SATURDAY

Could **PLATINUM** be on its way back toward the upper echelon of D.C. nightclubs? Marc and Taz — aka Love owner Marc Barnes and his promoting partner Taz — are taking over Saturday nights at Platinum for Milkshake. Enjoy hip-hop by DJs Analyze and Ben Hameen. Getcha free admission passes from www.marcandtaz.com.

Asheru's doing double duty this week, starting tonight with his own continuing series known as Guerilla Lounge at **CAFE NEMA**. Going with the theme of "Women's History Month," the live performances will be anchored by hip-hop/soul's pre-eminent local muse Wayna along with vocalist Stacy Epps and visual artist Melani N. Douglass.

Owen Ashworth, the man behind Casiotone for the Painfully Alone, still seems to be pretty painfully alone on his latest album, "Etiquette," but he's expanded his sound beyond the simplest of synthesizers. This is primarily indie-electronic fare, but the occasional piano and drums bring a more rounded sound to his tales of woe. Casiotone plays at **GALAXY HUT** with the Donkeys, a San Diego band that plays ramshackle, lo-fi indie rock — you may remember them from such decades as the 1990s.

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AQUAMARINE (PG, 109 minutes) This mild-mannered comedy tells the story of 13-year-old best friends Claire (Emma Roberts) and Hailey (Joanna "JoJo" Levesque), who discover a mermaid named Aquamarine (Sara Paxton), who has come ashore to find love. She immediately sets her baby blues on a lifeguard named Raymond (Jake McDorman), whom Claire and Hailey have been crushing on all summer. The direction isn't particularly distinguished, but this movie is better than nothing for its woefully underserved tween audience. (AH)

BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG-13, 99 minutes) Martin Lawrence is FBI agent Malcolm Turner, who slaps on the big lady equipment (again) so he can pose undercover as a nanny to uncover the nefarious doings of the big daddy of the household. To add subplot injury to main-plot insult, Malcolm has to keep his mission secret from the FBI and his pregnant wife (Nia Long). Please tell me you've heard enough. (DT)

THE BOYS OF BARAKA (Unrated, 84 min-



PASSING THE TEST: Sarah Jessica Parker needed to prove she could open a movie; Matthew McConaughey needed to prove he was more than just a pleasant slacker, and both succeed in the charming romantic comedy "Failure to Launch."

utes) This rich, satisfying documentary follows four inner-city boys who discover their potential at a boarding school in Kenya. We meet them as they wend their way through tortured schools and trou-

bled families. Each has demonstrated potential, though, and they are recruited to attend the Baraka School, founded in 1996 by a Baltimore-based foundation. "Baraka" is a soaring, complex testament

to survival, character and hope. (AH)

BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R, 134 minutes) From the moment Ennis Del Mar (Heath Ledger) and Jack Twist (Jake Gyllenhaal) meet, it's just a matter of when, not if. As a

tragic evocation of the costs of homophobia, the film is a watershed. But as a testament to the importance of following one's passion, it's devoid of one crucial thing: passion. (AH)

CACHÉ (R, 112 minutes) Someone is watching M. Georges Laurent. One day in the mail he receives a videotape that shows nothing except his own banal comings and goings. For now, M. Laurent (Daniel Auteuil) — a member of Paris's cognitive elite, with a beautiful wife (Juliette Binoche) and an elegant townhouse—is under somebody's microscope. The film has a great deal of difficulty overcoming the absurdity of its premise. (SH)

CAPOTE (R, 98 minutes) It is a comical image: mincing, piping little Truman Capote in his cashmere scarf tiptoeing around the bleak wheaty burg of Holcomb, Kan., in the wake of some horrific murders about which he admits he doesn't really care. As Capote, Philip Seymour Hoffman makes you believe in the man: an artist's personality, ruthless and shrewd; a hysteric's delicate grasp of his emotions; a charmer whose wiles could wear down even wary Kansas lawmen. (SH)

THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE (PG, 140 minutes) Andrew Adamson's sterling version of the perdurable C.S. Lewis classic of children's fantasy is well told,

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handsome, stirring and loads of fun. For kids, the pleasure will be in some of the best special effects of the year. And for both, the overarching endearment will be a narrative, which speeds through its two-hour-plus running time. (SH)

CRASH (R, 100 minutes) The aftermath of Rodney King and 9/11 seems to sear the nostrils of every Los Angeleno in Paul Haggis' Oscar-winning white-knuckle hatefest among characters of almost every ideological, cultural or religious stripe. Asians, Latinos, whites, blacks, rich and poor, Muslim and Christian all clash in this multi-character story. If "Crash" only showed the dark side of humanity, it would barely be worth the viewing. But the movie is also about the best in people. (DT)

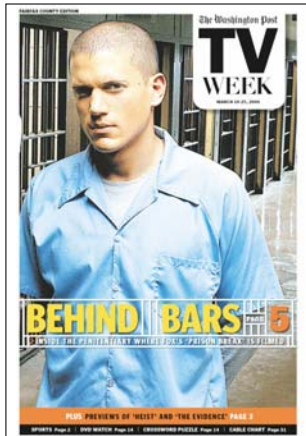
CURIOUS GEORGE (G, 77 minutes) In this animated movie, the man with the yellow hat, voiced by the pipsqueaky pipes of Will Ferrell, is a complete goof. He's given a name (Ted) and a story (he's a museum guide). The plot involves poor, dim Ted being dispatched to Africa (where we meet George) to come up with an "attraction" so fabulous it will save the Bloomsbury Museum. For awhile George the icon, a little, furry ball of adorable cuteness, is quite amusing. (SH)

DATE MOVIE (PG-13, 81 minutes) Big girl Julia (Alyson Hannigan) is determined to lose as many of her 389 pounds as possible. When she meets British bachelor Grant Fonckyardoder (Adam Campbell), she has a reason to slim down. But there isn't much more story to impart; the movie is basically bad sight gags and a laundry list of laugh lines that allude to "Hitch," "My Big Fat Greek Wedding," "My Best Friend's Wedding" and other romantic comedies. (DT)

DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R, 103 minutes) This film was shot in September 2004, when Dave Chappelle had just signed a \$50 million deal for his comedy series. There's an innocent joy and a genial detachment, as if he's playing host to his own celebrity. But there's something deeper at work. Even with his cutting racial satire, he seems uniquely positioned to appeal to white and black Americans. (DT)

DOOGAL (G, 85 minutes) This snarky animated adventure about a dog named Doogal who battles an evil sorcerer is a tiresome, cliché-ridden snore. The title character is a selfish little mutt; his pals aren't much more original or likable. With any luck, this movie, which stars the voices of Jon Stewart, William H. Macy,

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Hitting the Bars

Fox's hot drama "Prison Break" returns this week with another season of betrayals, tattoos and Wentworth Miller's muscles. | *TV Week*

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Jimmy Fallon and Whoopi Goldberg, will be on its way out of theaters by the time you read this. (AH)

EIGHT BELOW (PG, 120 minutes) Eight canines pull their weight literally and figuratively in this lively adventure. The movie, based on true events, starts out with a gripping setup, in which National Science Foundation guide Jerry Shepard (Paul Walker) takes an arrogant scientist on an expedition. When a storm forces the humans to evacuate, Jerry is told he can't go back for the dogs. The movie is an often agonizing depiction of how these animals save themselves, and the sequences of them trying to survive are magnificent and deeply moving. (AH)

FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG-13, 97 minutes) This movie is one of the best American films in months and the best comedy since I don't know when. Matthew McConaughey plays a 35-year-old boy-man who still lives with his parents. They hire Sarah Jessica Parker, a specialist in emptying nests, to get him to fall in love with her and move out. On this simple, sturdy frame, the writers work all kinds of comic riffs. The movie is so swift and sure, you can say: It achieves liftoff. (SH)

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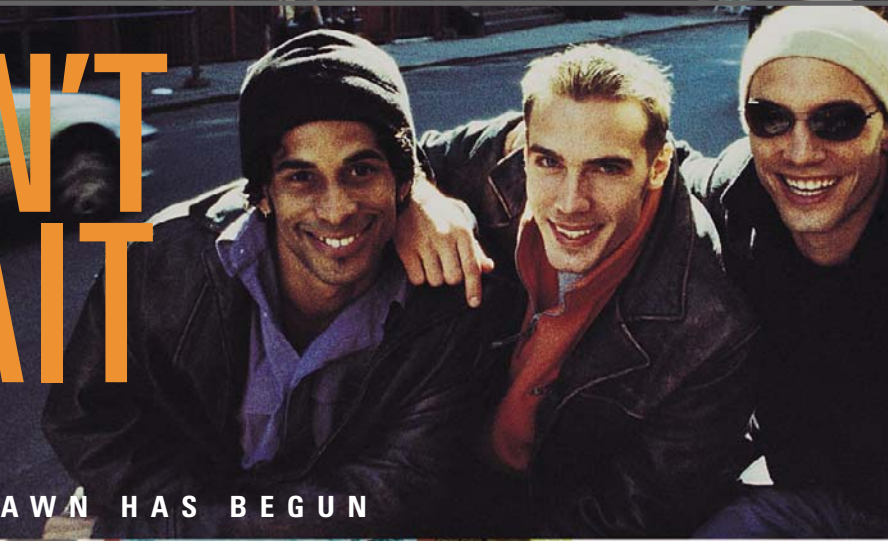
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FIREWALL (PG-13, 120 minutes) Harrison Ford plays Jack Stanfield, a security systems designer who is held at gunpoint, along with his family, by a criminal mastermind who knows Jack designed the security for a global bank. Jack must save his family and outwit the bad guys. Unfortunately, Ford's brand of action-hero has become obsolete—at least for him. Although the actor looks great for 63, the job calls for vigor and virility. (DT)

GAY SEX IN THE '70S (Unrated, 72 minutes) Joseph Lovett's documentary is an engrossing piece of social history, a well-documented excavation of the period between June 1969 and June 1981 when gay men in New York experienced a burst of sexual liberation. With candid interviews, pornographic film clips and a cache of archival photographs, Lovett re-creates the bathhouse-and-bar sex scene that started out celebratory, but wound up dangerously compulsive. (AH)

GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK (PG-13, 93 minutes) George Clooney, who directed and co-wrote, retells the story of crusading journalist Ed Murrow, who stood up to braying political bully Joe McCarthy. The stylizations of '50s TV drama, including black-and-white cinematography, are terrific. Clooney casts himself as Murrow's producer, Fred W. Friendly, but hardly registers. Strathairn dominates the movie with furious intelligence, guts, will and nobility. (SH)

THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R, 105 minutes) This remake of the alleged 1977 Wes Craven classic is by French director Alexandre Aja ("High Tension"), who is a great reworker. The basics are: A disputatious, dysfunctional clan is headed to California. You can tell they're doomed to slaughter, in all sorts of ways: burning at the stake, pickaxe in the head, etc. Aja was clearly working on a big budget for his first American film and was told he could do anything he could think of. Visually, the movie is wildly alive, full of sure touches. (SH)

THE LIBERTINE (R, 114 minutes) Johnny Depp plays John Wilmot, the Second Earl of Rochester, friend and adversary of King Charles II. Depp is alluring in 17th-century bad-boy regalia, but in this ill-conceived story, his luster is futile despite his signature glints of the eye, sexy puckering and prince-of-darkness swagger. It doesn't help matters that the film seems to unload every olde English cliché on file. (DT)

MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13, 107 minutes) This Tyler Perry movie is a cul-



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IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW you were watching Vin Diesel in "Find Me Guilty," you wouldn't know you were watching Vin Diesel. The action star goes pasty and paunchy to play real-life mobster Jackie DiNorscio, a member of New Jersey's Lucchese family who defended himself in a mammoth federal trial. Cracking wise for the jury in rich, gravelly tones, Diesel shows a charisma that you wouldn't expect from the star of such blow-'em-up fare as "XXX," but the performance is also a bit one-note—he's entertaining and his transformation comes as a surprise, but he's that guy all the time. What isn't surprising is the workmanlike nature of Sidney Lumet's film. The director offers the same sturdy drama we've come to rely on from him, and the proceedings feel sort of sluggish. **CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)**

tural phenomenon, and understanding that is key to understanding the world of Madea (Perry in a dress, wig and big-breasted fat suit), a tenderhearted black woman who talks straight as she tries to guide lost and broken souls. Some can point to other films of higher artistic quality that deal with resurrecting broken and battered souls of African Americans. Yet Perry has figured out how to deliver his message in a way that has mass appeal. **(MARCIA DAVIS)**

MATCH POINT (R, 124 minutes) In Woody Allen's new film, Jonathan Rhys-Meyers plays Chris Wilton, a retired tennis player who has given up the pro circuit to teach

the rich and untalented. When one of his students—easygoing Tom Hewett (Matthew Goode)—invites him to the opera, a new world opens before him. But no sooner has Chris started dating Tom's sister Chloe (Emily Mortenson) when he meets Nola (Scarlett Johansson), Tom's sultry fiancée. This British-made film is elegant, uncompromising and oh-so nasty. (DT)

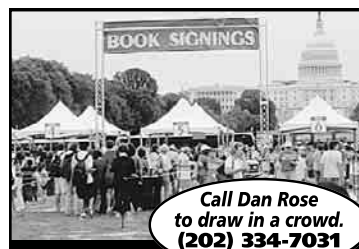
MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG-13, 120 minutes) This movie is everything you'd expect it to be: beautiful, mesmerizing, tasteful, Japanese. Yet it just sits there, glorious but fitfully absorbing, never

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remotely enticing. (SH)

MRS. HENDERSON PRESENTS (R, 102 minutes) From the first few moments, it's clear what this film will be: a whimsical period piece that, despite some quietly bawdy double-entendres and a lovely performance from the always dignified Dame Judi Dench, can't escape being a bit twee. (AH)

MUNICH (R, 140 minutes) Steven Spielberg's film focuses on a small Israeli killing team tasked with hunting and destroying the Palestinian Black September planners of the Munich Olympics massacre of 1972 across Europe



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and the Middle East. Give the movie credit for its rigor in facing the depressing problem of vengeance. But the film uses memories of the Munich Olympics massacre. Those events should be more than just fodder for ginning up tension at the end of a commercial movie. (SH)

NANNY MCPHEE (PG, 97 minutes) Nanny McPhee is the nanny you hire when all other nannies fail — that's the idea of this movie. If only the film, starring and scripted by Emma Thompson, lived up to its promise. The movie should have been a fabulous romp about authority — the fun, the frisson and the consequences of defying it. Unfortunately, Thompson evokes no such irreverence and energy. (DT)

NEIL YOUNG: HEART OF GOLD (PG, 103 minutes) In Jonathan Demme's under-

stated documentary, singer-songwriter Neil Young performs new songs in Nashville's storied Ryman Auditorium with an unmistakable air of celebration. He had been told he faced a life-threatening aneurysm, and before submitting to the knife, he composed and recorded a flood of songs. The 60-year-old survived the operation, and here he is at his relaxed, philosophical and endearing best, both in his songs and soft-spoken patter. As we see at the Ryman, Young still has a lot of road — and music — in front of him. (DT)

NIGHT WATCH (R, 116 minutes) This Russian film is a swiftly moving plunge into a world populated by vampires, seers, shape-shifters and spellbinders. It is an adaptation of the science fiction-fantasy novel of the same name and, like all

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sci-fi fantasies, is full of tiresome exposition and convenient loopholes. But director Timur Bekmambetov handles these narrative bumps with ease, infusing even the goriest of horror-movie clichés with equal parts macabre fascination and jaunty humor. (AH)

THE PINK PANTHER (PG, 92 minutes) Steve Martin dares to play Inspector Jacques Clouseau, the bumbling French policeman immortalized by Peter Sellers in Blake Edwards's "Pink Panther" franchise. Those weren't great films, but it was the little Sellers moments that made even the weakest "Pink Panther" a cinematic untouchable. In this version, most of the humor derives from Martin's silly French accent. (AH)

THE SHAGGY DOG (PG, 99 minutes) This movie is a pointless remake of the 1959 Disney classic. Tim Allen plays Dave Douglas, a Type-A careerist and dog-hater who, through a series of mishaps too ridiculous and tiresome to describe,

is injected with the blood of a 300-year-old dog and turns into the pooch of the title. He discovers that he may not be a bad dog but that he has been a terrible husband and father. The movie is a nasty, unappealing Allen vehicle, whose comedy chiefly derives from stupid stunts. (AH)

16 BLOCKS (PG-13, 105 minutes) This movie follows dispirited cop Jack Mosley (Bruce Willis) as he is assigned to escort crook Eddie Bunker (Mos Def) across Lower Manhattan to testify before a grand jury in two hours' time. What neither realize is that the guy Eddie is about to blow the whistle on is a cop, and if he's indicted, that cop will rat out an elite group of detectives. So the cops improvise a series of assassination attempts along what is basically the Chinese New Year parade route to wipe out Eddie and, if necessary, Jack. This feeble thriller is full of nonsense and implausibilities. (SH)

SOMETHING NEW (PG-13, 100 minutes) Kenya McQueen (Sanaa Lathan) is an African-American woman who goes on a blind date with a white man

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(Simon Baker). But her girlfriends and family make it clear they're not thrilled about this union, and the closer they get to one another, the more race matters. The fun — and the seriousness — of the movie is in watching a beautiful woman challenge an equal opponent. (DT)
SYRIANA (R, 126 minutes) George Clooney plays CIA operative Bob Barnes, an avuncular career agent who used to know where all the bodies were buried — mainly because he did most of the digging. This is a premium-octane thriller about a society that has become insidiously dependent on oil. (DT)
THE THREE BURIALS OF MELQUIADES ESTRADA (R, 97 minutes) Rancher Pete Perkins (Tommy Lee Jones), needs a good man, and Melquiades (the noble Julio Cesar Cedillo) is the best cowboy he ever knew. Then someone puts a .223 through Melquiades's rib cage, and he

dies in the dust. This taut, provocative film is about white people who learn through stunning adventures that nameless, faceless immigrants are actually humans. It's not earth-shattering, but it is painful and unforgettable. (SH)
TSOTSI (R, 94 minutes) This South African movie, which won Best Foreign Language Film at the Oscars, is a mixture of thrilling documentary-style realism and Hollywood hokum. It follows Tsotsi (Presley Chweneyagae), a thug. His life takes an unexpected turn when he steals a BMW with a 3-month-old baby in the back. As Tsotsi, Chweneyagae turns his face into a living battle mask — curved and molded into smooth ruthlessness. But as the story unfolds, his mask begins to crack and his humanity begins to flow through. (DT)
ULTRAVIOLET (90 minutes, PG-13) An ultra-stupid fusion of sci-fi cliché, cyberspace stylings and wretched kung fu antics, starring Milla Jovovich's muscle-y stomach — the only fascinating thing in this movie. She plays a "hemophage," a genetically engineered super

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human who, having tasted the pleasures of Godhood, does not want to give them up. With her chums (whose stomachs are not nearly as interesting), she wages war on the high lords of society. It's navel warfare. (SH)

WALK THE LINE (PG-13, 136 minutes) This movie gets off to a promising start, sure to raise goose bumps, at the gates of Folsom Prison in 1968. Unfortunately, for all its good music and admirable vocal impersonations (by Joaquin Phoenix and Reese Witherspoon), the movie slides — very, very slowly — downhill from there. (AH)

WHY WE FIGHT (PG-13, 98 minutes) Of all the incendiary, left-wing, anti-Bush screeds that seem to have become the flavor of the decade in the American doc-



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argument is that America is foolish and knavish in that it depends on a war economy and that the secret purpose of its foreign policy is to find enemies to justify huge military spending. (SH)

WINTER PASSING (R, 99 minutes) A literary editor (Amy Madigan) offers New York actress Reese (Zooey Deschanel) \$100,000 to retrieve a collection of letters from her reclusive novelist-father, Don (Ed Harris). Welcome to playwright-turned-filmmaker Adam Rapp's house-bound indie flick, in which everyone gets to air their issues and the traumatic events that marred their life. The movie is one dull, extended encounter session among hackneyed characters. (DT)



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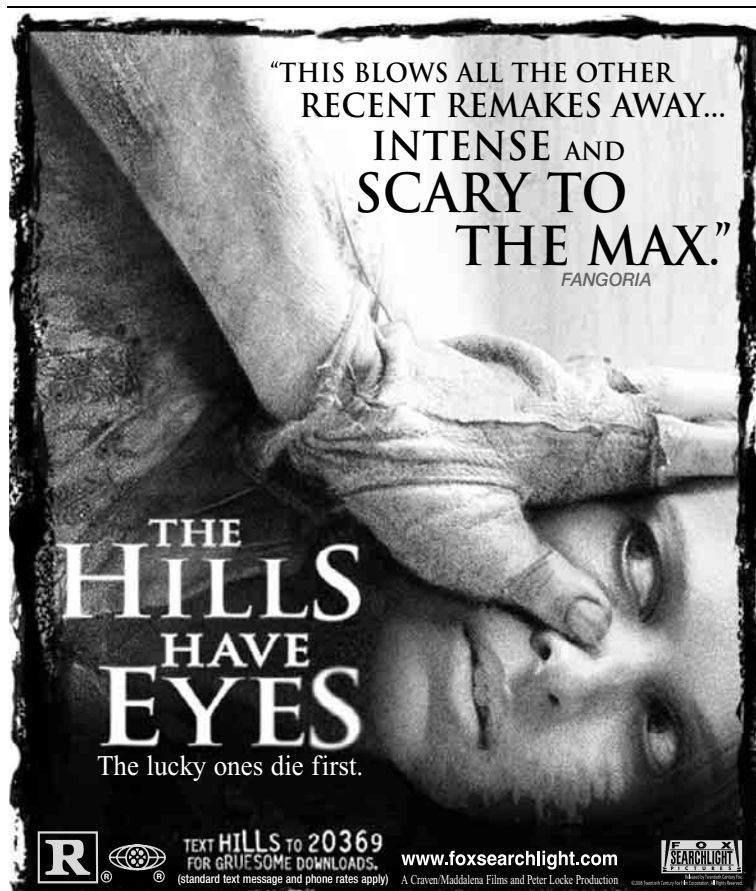
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MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13) DIG (115 415) 715 945
EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (1210 320) 700 940

FIREWALL (PG-13) DIG 900
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (100 330) 630 940

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BOYS (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1230 400) 725 1035

FIND ME GUILTY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 230 500) 735 1015
SHE'S THE MAN (PG-13) DIG (1215 1235 100 325 355)

V FOR VENDETTA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG ★ (435) 700 720 745 1010 1030 1150
THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1245 330) 705 945

THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) DIG (1205 235 505) 740 1025
FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG-13) DIG (1200 1250 225 350 455) 710

THE LIBERTINE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1220 345) 650 950
DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 1210

ULTRAVIOLET (PG-13) DIG 1020 1235
16 BLOCKS (PG-13) (1255 335) 655 935 1215

MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13) DIG (1240 340) 715 955 1225
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (1210 240 510) 750

FAIRFAX TOWNE CENTER 10

4110 W Ox Road 800-FANDANGO 670#

Adv. Tix on Sale DCI CLASSIC COUNTDOWN (NR) ★
V FOR VENDETTA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG ★ (100 120 150 400 420)

SHE'S THE MAN (PG-13) DIG (135 200 410 440) 700 730 945 1005
THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (125 145 415 715)

THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) DIG (115 155 350 430) 645 735 920 1000
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13) DIG 655 930

GERMANTOWN STADIUM 14

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V FOR VENDETTA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG ★ (1200 100 150 315 415)
FIND ME GUILTY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1210 330) 715 1015

SHE'S THE MAN (PG-13) DIG (1205 230 505) 740 1010
THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (130 220 420 515) 725

THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) DIG (1200 115 245 415 510) 700 745 930
FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG-13) DIG (1205 100 240 400 500) 720 750

UA SNOWDEN SQ STADIUM 14

9161 Commerce Ctr Dr 800-FANDANGO 570#

Adv. Tix on Sale AN AWESOME NIGHT WITH BEASTIE
BOYS (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1230 315) 700 1005

FIND ME GUILTY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (130 415) 715 950
SHE'S THE MAN (PG-13) DIG (1230 100 130 330 400)

V FOR VENDETTA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG ★ (445) 645 720 800 1000
OC & DA: THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (130)

THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (430) 745 1015
THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) DIG (100 200 345 445) 630 730 915 1010

FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG-13) DIG (115 400) 730 1000
THE LIBERTINE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1245 330) 645 930

AQUAMARINE (PG) DIG (1245 315) 630
16 BLOCKS (PG-13) DIG (200 500) 800 1020

MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13) DIG (145 500) 745 1015
EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (115 415) 700 940

FIREWALL (PG-13) DIG 1020
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG 915

MANASSAS STADIUM 14

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FIND ME GUILTY (R) ✓ 1:45, 4:35, 7:30, 10:35
SHE'S THE MAN (PG13) ✓ 2:05, 4:35, 7:25, 10:00, 12:30
V FOR VENDETTA (R) ✓ 12:45, 1:40, 2:20, 4:10, 4:40, 5:15, 7:15, 7:45, 8:30, 10:20, 10:50, 11:45
FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) ✓ 12:30, 2:15, 3:15, 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15, 9:45, 10:45, 12:20
THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) ✓ 12:25, 2:00, 2:55, 4:30, 5:35, 7:10, 8:15, 9:40, 11:10, 12:30
THE LIBERTINE (R) ✓ 1:10, 4:05, 7:05, 10:05
THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) ✓ 12:00, 1:30, 2:30, 4:10, 5:00, 6:45, 7:30, 9:15, 10:15, 11:50
THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) ✓ 1:30, 4:10, 6:45, 9:15, 11:50
16 BLOCKS (PG13) 12:35, 1:25, 3:05, 4:25, 5:55, 7:35, 8:25, 10:10, 11:00, 12:30
AQUAMARINE (PG) 12:05, 2:40, 5:20, 7:55
DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R) 1:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:50, 12:35
ULTRAVIOLET (PG13) 12:25, 2:45, 5:10, 7:40, 9:55, 12:25
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13) 12:45, 2:00, 3:25, 4:40, 6:15, 7:20, 9:00, 11:15, 11:45
DATE MOVIE (PG13) 10:50 PM
EIGHT BELOW (PG) 2:30, 5:25, 8:10, 11:10
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) 12:20, 2:30
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) 10:25 PM, 12:45 AM
FIREWALL (PG13) 5:05, 7:50, 10:30
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) 12:55, 3:20, 5:40, 8:20

AMC SPRINGFIELD MALL 10
Loisdale and Franconia Road
703-971-3991

SHE'S THE MAN (PG13) ✓ 1:45, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20
V FOR VENDETTA (R) ✓ 1:00, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) ✓ 1:30, 4:40, 7:30, 10:00
THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) ✓ 1:45, 4:45, 7:50, 10:20
THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) ✓ 1:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30
16 BLOCKS (PG13) 1:30, 4:20, 7:30, 10:00
AQUAMARINE (PG) 1:20, 4:30, 7:00, 9:35
AQUAMARINE (PG) 1:20, 4:30, 7:00, 9:35
ULTRAVIOLET (PG13) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 10:15
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13) 1:15, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) 1:15, 4:15, 7:20, 9:45

AMC MAZZA GALLERIE
Jenifer and Wisconsin
202-537-9553

FIND ME GUILTY (R) ✓ 1:10, 4:10, 7:15, 10:10
SHE'S THE MAN (PG13) ✓ 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
THE LIBERTINE (R) ✓ 1:00, 3:55, 7:00, 9:55
16 BLOCKS (PG13) 1:40, 4:40, 7:50, 10:20
ULTRAVIOLET (PG13) 10:05 PM
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:20, 10:05
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:45
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:45
MATCH POINT (R) 1:15, 4:05, 7:00, 9:50

LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14
3111 K Street, N.W.
202-342-6441 821

FIND ME GUILTY (R) ✓ 1:00, 4:05, 6:55, 9:35, 12:15
SHE'S THE MAN (PG13) ✓ 2:00, 4:40, 7:25, 9:50, 12:10
THANK YOU FOR SMOKING (R) ✓ 12:30, 2:10, 3:10, 4:30, 5:30, 6:50, 7:40, 9:10, 10:10, 11:30
V FOR VENDETTA (R) ✓ 12:50, 1:50, 4:00, 4:50, 7:00, 7:55, 10:00, 10:55
FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) ✓ 12:40, 2:30, 3:20, 5:00, 5:40, 7:10, 8:00, 9:30, 10:20, 11:50
THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) ✓ 2:20, 4:45, 7:20, 9:40, 12:05
THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) ✓ 2:20, 4:45, 7:20, 9:40, 12:05
THE LIBERTINE (R) ✓ 1:10, 4:15, 7:15, 10:05
THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) ✓ 1:30, 4:10, 6:45
16 BLOCKS (PG13) 1:40, 4:35, 7:05, 9:25, 11:55
DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R) 2:30, 5:20, 8:10, 10:40
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13) 9:00 PM, 11:45 PM
SYRIANA (R) 1:20, 4:20, 7:30, 10:30

LOEWS WISCONSIN AVE. 6
4000 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.
202-244-0882 714

FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) 2:05, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40
THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:35
THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) 2:00, 4:15, 6:50, 9:05
AQUAMARINE (PG) 2:15, 4:35, 7:05, 9:20
DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R) 2:20, 4:40, 7:15, 9:30
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) 2:10, 4:10
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 6:20, 9:10

LOEWS WHITE FLINT 5
North Bethesda
310-423-1014 741

V FOR VENDETTA (R) 3:00, 6:05, 9:15
FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) 2:10, 4:45, 7:45, 9:50
THE LIBERTINE (R) 2:00, 4:35, 7:15, 10:05
MRS. HENDERSON PRESENTS (R) 2:00, 4:35, 7:00, 9:20
TRANSAMERICA (R) 2:15, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30

AMC POTOMAC MILLS 18
2700 Potomac Mills Circle, Ste 886
703-998-4262

FIND ME GUILTY (R) ✓ 1:05, 4:10, 7:20, 10:20
SHE'S THE MAN (PG13) ✓ 12:10, 2:50, 5:25, 8:00, 10:30
V FOR VENDETTA (R) ✓ 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 4:50, 7:00, 7:55, 10:00, 11:00
FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) ✓ 12:40, 2:10, 3:20, 4:40, 5:40, 7:10, 8:15, 9:40, 10:40
THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) 12:05, 2:35, 5:05, 8:05, 10:45
THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) 12:05, 2:35, 5:05, 8:05, 10:45
THE LIBERTINE (R) ✓ 1:25, 4:15, 7:15, 10:05
THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) ✓ 12:35, 2:05, 3:05, 4:35, 5:35, 7:05, 8:10, 9:25, 10:25
16 BLOCKS (PG13) 12:30, 3:10, 5:45, 8:25, 10:55
AQUAMARINE (PG) 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10
DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R) 8:20, 10:50
ULTRAVIOLET (PG13) 12:50, 3:00, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13) 2:25, 4:55, 7:45, 10:35
DATE MOVIE (PG13) 12:45, 3:15, 5:20, 7:50, 9:45
EIGHT BELOW (PG) 1:55, 4:45, 7:25, 10:15
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) 1:30, 3:40, 6:00
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) 12:25, 2:55, 5:15, 7:35, 9:55

AMC RIVERTOWNE 12
Exit 4A I-95, 1/2 mi. on Oxon Hill Rd.
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V FOR VENDETTA (R) ✓ 4:40, 7:40, 10:40
FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) ✓ 5:20, 8:10, 10:30
THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) ✓ 4:50, 7:30, 10:10
THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) ✓ 5:10, 7:50, 10:20
16 BLOCKS (PG13) 5:10, 8:00, 10:30
AQUAMARINE (PG) 4:10, 7:20, 9:50
DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R) 5:00, 7:50, 10:25
ULTRAVIOLET (PG13) 4:50, 7:20, 9:40
DOOGAL (G) 4:20
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13) 4:40, 5:20, 7:40, 8:20, 10:20
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG13) 7:10, 10:10

AMC UNION STATION 9
Located at Union Station
703-998-4AMC

SHE'S THE MAN (PG13) ✓ 2:00, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50
V FOR VENDETTA (R) ✓ 1:05, 4:05, 7:15, 10:15
FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) ✓ 1:15, 3:35, 5:55, 8:10, 10:20
THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) ✓ 1:55, 4:25, 7:05, 9:25
THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) ✓ 1:10, 3:30, 5:50, 8:15
16 BLOCKS (PG13) 1:35, 4:20, 7:00, 9:35
DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R) 7:10, 9:30
ULTRAVIOLET (PG13) 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00

AMC COUNTRY CLUB MALL 6
Country Club Mall on Voecke Rd near Route 68.
703-998-4AMC

V FOR VENDETTA (R) ✓ 4:00, 4:30, 7:00, 7:30, 9:50, 10:20
FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) ✓ 5:00, 7:40, 10:00
THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) ✓ 4:30, 7:20, 9:50
THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) ✓ 5:10, 7:50, 10:10
ULTRAVIOLET (PG13) ✓ 10:10 PM
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) 5:20, 8:00

MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12
800 Shopper's Way, Largo
301-324-4220 844

V FOR VENDETTA (R) 1:10, 4:20, 7:30, 10:35
FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) 12:50, 3:20, 5:40, 8:30, 10:35
THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) 1:50, 5:00, 7:40, 10:00
THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) 1:50, 5:00, 7:40, 10:00
THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) 12:00, 2:40, 5:10, 7:50, 10:10
16 BLOCKS (PG13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 9:50
DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R) 1:00, 3:30, 5:50, 8:20, 10:40
ULTRAVIOLET (PG13) 12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13) 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:35, 10:30
DATE MOVIE (PG13) 2:10, 4:40, 7:15, 9:30
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) 1:40, 4:10, 7:05, 9:55
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) 12:40, 3:10, 5:25, 8:10, 10:20

LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7
2772 South Randolph
703-671-0910 801

NIGHT WATCH (R) 1:20, 4:40, 7:50, 10:10
MRS. HENDERSON PRESENTS (R) 2:00, 4:50, 7:20, 9:30
THE THREE BURIALS OF MELQUIADES ESTRADA (R) 1:10, 3:50, 7:40, 10:00
MATCH POINT (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40
TRANSAMERICA (R) 1:40, 4:20, 8:00, 10:10
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 1:00, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40
CAPOTE (R) 1:50, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50

LOEWS DUPONT 5
1350 19th St.
202-872-9555 711

DUCK SEASON (R) 2:30, 5:30, 8:15, 10:20
WINTER PASSING (R) 9:30 PM
MRS. HENDERSON PRESENTS (R) 2:15, 4:50, 7:20
WHY WE FIGHT (PG13) 2:00, 5:15, 7:45, 10:00
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 1:00, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
CAPOTE (R) 1:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:10

AMC TYSONS CORNER 16
7850 Tysons Corner Center
703-998-4262

SHE'S THE MAN (PG13) ✓ 12:00, 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30
V FOR VENDETTA (R) ✓ 12:10, 1:15, 2:15, 3:15, 4:20, 5:20, 6:20, 7:30, 8:25, 9:35, 10:35, 11:30
V FOR VENDETTA (R) ✓ 2:15, 5:20, 8:25, 11:30
FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) ✓ 12:05, 1:05, 2:25, 3:30, 4:50, 5:55, 7:20, 8:30, 9:55, 11:10
THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) ✓ 12:25, 2:55, 5:25, 8:10, 10:50
THE LIBERTINE (R) ✓ 1:00, 4:15, 7:15, 10:20
THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) ✓ 12:15, 1:30, 2:40, 4:10, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:25, 10:30
16 BLOCKS (PG13) 1:45, 4:25, 7:10, 9:45
AQUAMARINE (PG) 12:20, 2:50, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15
DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R) 12:40, 3:10, 5:45, 8:20, 10:55
ULTRAVIOLET (PG13) 1:25, 3:40, 5:50, 8:05, 10:25
FIREWALL (PG13) 12:30, 3:05, 5:40, 8:15, 10:45
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) 12:10, 2:35, 5:05, 7:25, 9:50

AMC COLUMBIA MALL 14
10300 Patuxent Parkway
410-423-0520

FIND ME GUILTY (R) ✓ 1:15, 4:20, 7:10, 10:05
SHE'S THE MAN (PG13) ✓ 12:05, 2:30, 5:30, 8:10, 10:45
V FOR VENDETTA (R) ✓ 12:30, 2:00, 3:45, 5:00, 7:15, 8:15, 10:20, 11:25
FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) ✓ 1:45, 4:15, 7:00, 9:50, 12:20
THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) ✓ 12:10, 2:35, 5:15, 8:00, 10:30
THE LIBERTINE (R) ✓ 1:20, 4:10, 7:20, 10:35
THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) ✓ 12:15, 2:45, 5:25, 8:05, 10:40
16 BLOCKS (PG13) ✓ 12:00, 2:15, 4:55, 7:50, 10:25
AQUAMARINE (PG) ✓ 12:25, 2:50, 5:20, 7:55, 10:35
AQUAMARINE (PG) ✓ 12:25, 2:50, 5:20, 7:55, 10:35
DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R) ✓ 1:55, 4:50, 7:25, 9:55, 12:15
ULTRAVIOLET (PG13) ✓ 12:35, 2:55, 5:10, 7:35, 10:00, 12:10
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13) 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10
FIREWALL (PG13) 10:15 PM
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) 12:20, 2:40, 5:05, 7:45

AMC COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8
Courthouse and Birch Rd.
703-998-4AMC

SHE'S THE MAN (PG13) ✓ 12:35, 3:05, 5:30, 8:00, 10:20
THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) ✓ 12:20, 2:45, 5:20, 7:50, 10:25
THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) ✓ 12:10, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50
FIREWALL (PG13) 1:00, 3:20, 5:50, 8:15, 10:45
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) 12:40, 3:00, 5:10, 7:20, 9:40
TRANSAMERICA (R) 12:50, 3:10, 5:40, 8:05, 10:35
MUNICH (R) 12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:30
THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) 12:30, 3:40, 7:10, 10:15

LOEWS WHEATON PLAZA 11
Viers Mill Rd. Btwn. Georgia & University
901-949-9202 746

SHE'S THE MAN (PG13) ✓ 4:20, 7:15, 9:40
V FOR VENDETTA (R) ✓ 4:05, 7:00, 10:00
FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) ✓ 4:50, 7:25, 9:35
THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) ✓ 4:30, 7:30, 9:50
THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) ✓ 5:00, 7:25, 9:40
16 BLOCKS (PG13) 4:10, 7:15, 9:50
AQUAMARINE (PG) 4:45, 7:35, 9:55
AQUAMARINE (PG) 4:45, 7:35, 9:55
DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R) 4:15, 7:10, 9:30
ULTRAVIOLET (PG13) 4:40, 8:00, 10:10
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13) 4:20, 7:20, 9:45
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) 5:10, 7:15, 9:20

LOEWS FAIRFAX SQUARE 8
8065 Leesburg Pike
703-506-9857 802

FIND ME GUILTY (R) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13) 2:30, 5:10, 7:25, 9:45
DATE MOVIE (PG13) 2:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:20
EIGHT BELOW (PG) 1:50, 4:20, 7:15, 9:40
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) 2:20, 4:45
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) 9:30 PM
MUNICH (R) 1:40, 5:00, 8:30
MUNICH (R) 1:40, 5:00, 8:30
MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG13) 7:50
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 2:00, 5:05, 8:00
CAPOTE (R) 2:15, 4:40, 7:05

LOEWS UPTOWN 1
3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W.
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V FOR VENDETTA (R) 12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 10:10



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***V FOR VENDETTA (R)**
12:00, 12:45, 3:15, 4:00
6:45, 7:30, 10:00, 10:45
***FIND ME GUILTY (R)**
12:10, 3:10, 7:00, 10:10
***SHE'S THE MAN (PG-13)**
12:15, 3:45, 7:15, 9:55
***THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R)**
12:50, 1:45, 4:05, 4:45
6:55, 7:45, 9:40, 10:30
***LIBERTINE (R)**
12:05, 3:05, 7:05, 9:50
***THE SHAGGY DOG (PG)**
12:30, 1:25, 3:20, 4:50
6:30, 7:25, 9:25
***FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG-13)**
1:15, 4:15, 7:10, 9:45
DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY (R)
12:15, 2:45, 5:10, 7:45, 10:30
16 BLOCKS (PG-13)
12:55, 3:55, 7:35, 10:15
AQUAMARINE (PG)
1:10, 4:30, 7:50, 10:20
ULTRAVIOLET (PG-13)
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MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13)
1:00, 4:20, 7:20, 10:05
DATE MOVIE (PG-13)
1:35, 4:25, 7:55, 10:25
EIGHT BELOW (PG)
12:25, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R)
3:40, 9:20
CURIOUS GEORGE (G)
12:20, 2:55, 5:20
FIREWALL (PG-13)
10:35
THE PINK PANTHER (PG)
1:05, 6:25
SOMETHING NEW (PG-13)
12:25, 3:25, 6:40, 9:35
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG-13)
7:50, 10:15

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Television



BUT IT TOTALLY IS: Far be it from us to say the fix is in on “American Idol,” but toothsome “AI” contestant Ace Young already has a guest spot on a TV show. On an April “Half & Half,” he’ll play “Ace Blackwell,” a singer whom Mona and Dee Dee fight over.

ON TV THIS WEEKEND

YOU LOOK FAMILIAR
Like a million comedies before it, **MODERN MEN** (Fri., 9:30 p.m., WB) concerns three single perpetual adolescents who sit around a huge loft that none of them could possibly afford. Afraid that he and his two pals — a ladies’ man and a mope still in love with his ex-wife — are becoming sad, slacker losers, Tim (Josh Braaten) takes the advice of his brainy sister (Marla Sokoloff) and agrees to hire a “life coach,” played by Jane Seymour. “Dr. Quinn” fans should avert their eyes.

THEIR WHILE IRISH, UH, ROSE
St. Patrick’s Day is normally an excuse to air silly movies about shamrocks, pots of gold and other crocks. The History Channel challenges that tradition with **PADDY WHACKED** (Fri., 8 p.m., History),

a captivating survey course in Irish-American mobster history.

MEN IN DRAG — ALWAYS FUNNY
The brazenly zany, deliciously tasteless and aggressively incorrect sketch comedy series **LITTLE BRITAIN** (Fri., 9:40 p.m., BBC America) returns for a third season.

STAYING IN? BUY SOME CHIPS
SATURDAY NIGHT MAIN EVENT (Sat., 8 p.m.,



“Paddy Whacked” re-enacts a meeting between two infamous Irish thugs.

NBC) marks the first time in 13 years that the WWE event has aired on the network. But don’t go looking for Hulk Hogan. This showcase features John Cena, Triple H, Trish Stratus, Shawn Michaels, Edge, Diva and Candice Michelle, and WWE honcho Mr. McMahon.

HERE WE GO AGAIN
A major Texas city takes a beating in **PERFECT DISASTER** (Sun., 9 p.m., Discovery), the first of a six-part series exploring weather at its most violent and destructive.

IT’S FUNNY IF YOU’RE STONED
The young knuckleheads at **ADULT SWIM** (Sun., midnight, Cartoon Network) have outdone themselves with the new cartoon satire “Minoriteam,” about a squad of superheroes who use racial stereotypes to combat bigotry. Provocatively silly and visually arresting, “Minoriteam” is best appreciated for its old-fashioned comic-

book sensibility.

STUDENT RIGHTS
Edward James Olmos directs the cable drama **WALKOUT** (Sat., 8p.m., HBO). Based on true events, it recalls protests at high schools in East Los Angeles in 1968 when Chicano students, feeling marginalized and ignored, stood up against academic prejudice and poor conditions.

BIGGER, BETTER, CRASHIER
HOLLYWOOD SCIENCE: CAR CHASES (9 p.m., National Geographic) looks at the physics of high-speed film chases and awe-inspiring stunt work, as well as new stunt technologies. Directors James Cameron (“Titanic”), Jan de Bont (“Speed”), Rob Cohen (“The Fast and the Furious”) and Doug Liman (“The Bourne Identity”) offer anecdotes and insight.

JUST TELL US IF HE’S DEAD!!!
Tragic events bring out the best and worst in Tony’s immediate and business fami-



HOW DO YOU SPELL ‘TASTE’? White Shadow, nemesis of “Minoriteam.”

ly on **THE SOPRANOS** (Sun., 10 p.m., HBO). Edie Falco’s performance tonight will win her an Emmy.

LIE DOWN WITH DOGS, BILL ...
Bill faces pressures at home and threats from Roman’s people on **BIG LOVE** (Sun., 10 p.m., HBO). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

3/17/06	6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
WRC	News		NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Deal or No Deal (N)		Las Vegas "I Like a Virgin" (N)		Conviction "Breakup" (N)		News	Tonight Show
WTTG	Seinfeld	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Seinfeld	Nanny 911 "George Family" (N)		Trading Spouses: Meet-Mommy		News		Geraldo at Large	Friends
WJLA	News	ABC Wild News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	America's Funniest Home Videos (N)		In Justice "I Owe You" (N)		20/20		News	(35) Nightline
WUSA	News	CBS News	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament				College Basketball: NCAA Tournament					
WDCA	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Friends	Every- Raymond	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N)				The Tyra Banks Show		Girlfriends	Girlfriends
WMPT	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	State Circle	Riverdance: The Ten Years Interviews and footage.		Washington Week	NOW "Sunshine Gang" (N)		NOW "Sunshine Gang" (N)		Patsy Cline: Sweet Dreams Still	
WETA	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Washington Week	Inside Wash.	NOW Novelist Christopher Buckley			Roy Orbison & Friends: A Black and White Night		Monty Python	
WHUT	White House	Tavis Smiley	BBC World News	Moneywise	The Life & Times of Foster and Allen		Full Sails		BBC World News	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N)	
WBDC	Steve Harvey	The Parkers	My Wife and Kids	Bernie Mac	What I Like	Living With Fran	Reba (N)	Modern Men	Bernie Mac	My Wife and Kids	Sex and the City	Will & Grace
A&E	Amer. Justice		American Justice	The Perfect Wife	Biography: Jimi Hendrix		Biography: Janis Joplin		Bio: Monroe	Bio: Princess	American Justice: Scored	
Animal	The Crocodile Hunter		Horse Power: Road to the Maclay		The Planet's Funniest Animals		Amazing Animal Videos		Animal Cops Houston (N)		The Planet's Funniest Animals	
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Top 10 countdown. (N)		College Hill		★ ★ "Juice" (1992, Crime Drama) Omar Epps, Ice Cube, Morris Chestnut.				Comicview Prescott		In Living Color	In Living Color
Bravo	Project Jay		Inside the Actors Studio		★ ★ "Waterworld" (1995, Science Fiction) Kevin Costner, Dennis Hopper. A loner navigates a future world.				★ ★ "Waterworld" (1995)		★ ★ "Waterworld" (1995)	
Comedy	(5:00) ★ "Slackers" (2002)		Com.-Presents	Reno 911!	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	South Park	Drawn Together
Court	Hollywood Heat	Masterminds	Cops "Las Vegas"	Cops "Las Vegas"	Beach Patrol	Beach Patrol	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Dunne: Power, Privilege & Justice	
Discovery	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	The FBI Files "Crackdown"		The FBI Files "Armored robberies"		I Shouldn't Be Alive (N)		A Haunting "Gateway to Hell" (N)		The FBI Files "Crackdown"	
DISCH	Paramedics "Desert Sirens"		Trauma: Life in the ER		Trauma: Life in the ER		Dr. G: Medical Examiner (N)		Dr. G: Medical Examiner		Trauma: Life in the ER	
Disney	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	"The Luck of the Irish" (2001, Fantasy) Ryan Merriman, Alexis Lopez		Phil of the Future	Sister, Sister	Zack & Cody	That's So Raven		
E!	Clothes-Back	The Simple Life	E! News (N)	E! News	101 Incredible Celebrity Slimdowns	101 Incredible Celebrity Slimdowns	The Soup (N)	10 Ways (N)	Saturday Night Live			
FX	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	The Shield "Of Mice and Men"			
HGTV	Renovation	Wknd Warriors	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	Get Color (N)	Design Remix (N)	Double Take	FreeStyle (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters	Debbie Travis' Facelift	
Family	7th Heaven "Kiss"		Smallville "Spirit"		★ ★ "Half a Dozen Babies" (1999) Scott Reeves, Melissa Reeves.		Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club			
History	Modern Marvels: Distilleries		Celebrating the Green		Paddy Whacked: The Irish Mob (N)		Runrunners, Moonshiners and Bootleggers					
Lifetime	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	★ ★ "Snowbound" (2001, Suspense) Erika Eleniak, Monika Schnarre.		"Fatal Reunion" (2005, Suspense) Erika Eleniak, David Millbern.				Frasier		Frasier	
MTV	Parental Control	Room Raiders	ADD Videos	V for Vendetta	Room Raiders	Room Raiders	The Real World	The Real World	8th & Ocean	8th & Ocean	Next	Trick It Out
NICK	Ned's School	Danny Phantom	SpongeBob	Catcratch	Avatar: Last Air	The X's	Danny Phantom	Danny Phantom	Full House	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	The Cosby Show
SCI FI	Stargate SG-1 "Into the Fire"		John Doe "Manifest Destiny"		Stargate SG-1 "Ripple Effect"		Doctor Who "Rose"		Doctor Who "The End of the World"		Doctor Who "Rose"	
SPIKE	World's Wildest Police Videos		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		The Shield "Pay in Pain"		The Shield "Cupid and Psycho"		The Shield "Throwaway"	
TBS	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Every- Raymond	Every- Raymond	Friends	Friends	★ ★ "Rush Hour 2" (2001, Action) (PA) Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker.		(10) ★ ★ ★ "Rush Hour" (1998) (PA)			
TLC	Martha (N)		Wild Weddings "Big Day Bloopers"		What Not to Wear Large clothing		What Not to Underwear Underwear		Log in for Love (N)		What Not to Wear Large clothing	
TNT	Charmed "Astral Monkey"		Law & Order "Access Nation"		★ ★ "What Lies Beneath" (2000, Suspense) Harrison Ford, Michelle Pfeiffer, Diana Scarwid.		(45) ★ ★ "What Lies Beneath" (2000) Harrison Ford.					
USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "F.P.S."		Monk "Mr. Monk Gets Jury Duty"		House "Detox"			
VH1	Top 20 Countdown (N)				Spotlight: U2		20 Greatest Celebrity Moments		Behind the Music "1992"		Web Junk 20's Greatest Hits (N)	
TELEM	Sala de Parejas	Noti-Telemundo	La Tormenta		Tierra de Pasiones		Corazón Partido	Decisiones	Decisiones		Noti-Telemundo	Titulares y Mas
UNIV	Que Locura!	Noticiero Univ	Peregrina		Contra Viento y Marea		Alborada		Casos de la Vida Real		Primer Impacto	Noticiero Univ.
ESPN	SportsCenter (Live)		2005 World Series of Poker		2005 World Series of Poker		World Series of Poker Tournament of Champions From Las Vegas.					
ESPN2	Boxing	Tyson's Hits	Mike Tyson's Greatest Hits		Boxing Friday Night Fights—Vince Phillips vs. Neil St. Clair. (Live)		Tennis Pacific Life Open—Quarterfinal. From Indian Wells, Calif.					
CSN	Chris Myers	SportsNite	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Washington Wizards. (Live)		Wizards Post.		SportsNite (Live)		Gary Williams		Best-Sports	
CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight		The Situation Room		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360			
FNC	Special Report (Live)		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		Hannity & Colmes (Live)		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor (Live)			
MSNBC	The Abrams Report		Hardball		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		MSNBC Investigates "Lockup: Inside L.A. County"		MSNBC Investigates			
AMC	★ ★ ★ "First Blood" (1982, Drama) Sylvester Stallone, Richard Grenn. 'R'		★ ★ ★ "An American Werewolf in London" (1981) David Naughton. 'R'		★ ★ ★ "A Nightmare on Elm Street" (1984, Horror) 'R'		Amer. Werewolf					
TCM	★ ★ "Bhowani Junction" (1956, Adventure) Ava Gardner. 'NR'		★ ★ ★ "A Night to Remember" (1958, Historical Drama) Kenneth More. 'NR'		(15) ★ ★ "The Wreck of the Mary Deare" (1950) Gary Cooper. 'NR'							
HBO	(5:15) ★ ★ ★ "Path to War" (2002, Drama) Michael Gambon. 'N'		★ ★ "The Chronicles of Riddick" (2004) Vin Diesel. 'PG-13'		The Sopranos "Members Only"		Real Time (S Live)					
MAX	★ ★ The Clearing (35) ★ ★ "Major League II" (1994, Comedy) Charlie Sheen. 'PG'		★ ★ "The Grudge" (2004) Sarah Michelle Gellar. 'PG-13'		★ ★ "Meet the Fockers" (2004, Comedy) Robert De Niro. 'PG-13'							
SHOW	(5:00) ★ ★ "The Prince & Me" (2004)		(15) ★ ★ "Johnny Mnemonic" (1995) Keanu Reeves, Takeshi. 'TV' 'R'		Sleeper Cell (TV) True target.		★ ★ "Harvard Man" (2001) Adrian Grenier. 'R'		HUFF Recap			
TMC	(10) ★ ★ ★ "Barbershop 2: Back in Business" (2004) Ice Cube. 'PG-13'		★ ★ "The Shaft" (2001, Horror) James Marshall, Naomi Watts. 'R'		★ ★ "The Blob" (1989) Kevin Dillon. 'R'				The Believers 'R'			
STARZ!	(5:00) ★ ★ "Hidalgo" (2004) Viggo Mortensen. 'PG-13'		(20) ★ ★ "The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl"		★ ★ "Guess Who" (2005, Comedy) Bernie Mac. 'PG-13'		(10:50) ★ ★ "National Treasure" 'PG'					
ENCORE	(15) ★ ★ "Wimbledon" (2004) Kirsten Dunst, Paul Bettany. 'PG-13'		★ ★ ★ "13 Going on 30" (2004) Jennifer Garner. 'PG-13'		(45) ★ ★ ★ ★ "Dances With Wolves" (1990) Kevin Costner. A Union officer befriends the Lakota.							

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Look out

*TRENDS, CULTURE, DISCOVERIES, IDEAS, PEOPLE

For U.S. troops, the Iraq war is an internal and external conflict

Before his time in Iraq, and despite all his training, Sgt. Christopher Day wondered what he would do the first time he came under fire.

"Will I fire back or curl in a ball? And sure enough, I fired back right away," he said.

The reason he fired back was timeless. "It was not so much for myself, but for the guys beside me," Day said. "I was shooting and trying to kill the people that were trying to kill my friends."

The constant threat from an unseen enemy took some getting used to, as did the punishing Iraqi climate, said Day, 25.

"It felt like having a blow drier in your face all the time, sucked out all the moisture in your skin," he said.

Over the past year, The Washington Post conducted 100 in-depth interviews with veterans of the war in Iraq. They included men and women, officers and enlisted, active duty and reserves, combat and support troops.

The questions were open-ended. The intent was to hear from them, in their own words, what the experience was like.

They remembered the camel spiders, big, fast and scary-looking. The sand flies, scorpions, mosquitoes and flying crickets. The long, hard days: 12-hour shifts that easily turn into 20-hour shifts when they don't turn into round-the-clock marathons.

They remembered rigging X-box cables from bunk to bunk to play Madden Football or Tony Hawk or skateboarding in the two-man residential trailers known as "cans."

They wondered how honest to be with the folks back home. You didn't want them to worry. So you tried to sound cheerfully vague and remind them to send gummi candies, which don't melt, rather than chocolates, which do.

But all that loving deception would end in a whoosh if a mortar hit during a telephone call to mom.

Some of the deepest impressions left over from Iraq were not the externals — the sights, sounds, smells, scenes — but the internal marks. In Iraq, they saw, did and endured things they hadn't seen,



FOR THE KIDS: A U.S. soldier poses with Iraqi children in a school rebuilt by U.S. troops. Interacting with Iraqis, many of them poor, left a lasting mark on many troops.

Sunday in The Washington Post



Time Travels

Screenwriter Robert Towne waited decades to bring the L.A. of the '30s back to life. He does it in "Ask the Dust" | *Arts*

Border State

A battle over illegal immigration that begins in Arizona ends up on a sidewalk in Herndon | *Magazine*

Windows on the War

done or imagined before, and this marked each one uniquely.

"Each individual over there has his own little war he is fighting," Army medic Joseph "Doc" Drennan explained. "No two people are going to have the same experiences."

The difference between a hot day and a cold day in Iraq is more than 100 degrees. The historical sites are among the oldest in the world — the ruins of Babylon, Nineveh and Ur. The poverty in some places is appalling. Iraq is an extreme land, where American troops must cope with extremity.

Extremes of doubt: "It was hard to figure out who the enemy was. Everyone practically looks the same and dresses the same. You didn't know who was a terrorist and who was not," said Spec. Greg Seely, a Virginia National Guardsman.

Extremes of emotion: "The bombs were everywhere," said Army Sgt. John Thomas. "You feel like you are in a movie. You drive through the town, you see the women out in

the fields, and children and other people were on the roofs watching. They are waiting on the roofs to see you get blown up."

Extremes of angst: "It's a lot harder than what a lot of people think, especially if you have a family," said Navy Corpsman Nathaniel Slenker. "You're worried about your family. About the friends that you're there with. ... You're constantly worrying."

DAVID VON DREHLE (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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'Living Large'

Political strategist, lobbyist and author **MICHAEL S. BERMAN** was online Thursday to discuss "Living Large," a book about his lifelong struggle with obesity and how he eventually found happiness and acceptance. | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

As someone who has been heavy his whole life and has tried every road to thinness imaginable, I have come to realize that acceptance is the key to happiness. I have a daily exercise regimen with a personal trainer and try to watch what I eat.

My hat is off to you. You certainly have found an important key in exercise. I think working at fitness or, as I like to describe it, functionality, is very important, second only to paying attention to your health. I believe it is inevitable that fat people will have health issues related to their fatness over time. You need to watch out for them and then find medical personnel that will work with you on resolving those special problems ... without simply reminding you every time you visit that you are too fat.

Americans are readily skeptical of everything — advertising, the government, the price of gas — except when it comes to weight. Then, despite documented 98 percent failure rates, we keep trying futile and unhealthy weight loss diets. Why are Americans so willing to buy the big lie about "obesity"?

They keep trying because they want to weigh less. It is hard and when folks are faced with difficult circumstances they will often look for panaceas. Many "diets" are useful and they can be helpful if they are not nutty on their face.

As a female lobbyist, I am curious if you looked into how weight could be a barrier to success in this industry. After years of struggling with weight I finally lost 70 pounds and notice a great change in how I am treated professionally. Is it the same for men?

I think the barrier relates to how so many people respond to fat people generally. There is a bias. Many of my friends have admitted they had such feelings early in our relationship, which they got over as we got to know each other better.

If willpower isn't much help to you in your struggle with weight, what is?

Routine. Recording what I am eating each day and doing approximate calorie counts as well as approximate fat intake. Being conscious of what I am doing helps a lot and for me that means writing it down. Second, exercise helps a lot. Third, I try to avoid temptation. If I am dying for almonds and the only size container available is six ounces and I just want two, when I have taken the two, I literally throw away the rest. If it sits there I will eat it.

→ Today on Live Online

NOON: Col. Janis Karpinski, the former U.S. Army brigadier general who was demoted in the aftermath of the Abu Ghraib torture and prisoner scandal, will discuss the new documentary, "Big Storm: The Lynndie England Story."

Letters

Escalator Walkers Take Sides

IT MUST BE SPRING in D.C., because everywhere you look disgruntled Metro commuters are once again getting trapped by oblivious tourists who block the left side of the escalators, unwittingly violating our sacred unspoken code of escalator etiquette. Since most visitors to

our fair city seem to be unfamiliar with the idiosyncratic concept of an escalator "passing lane," why, oh why, can't Metro post some polite signs to turn this unwritten rule into official policy? Just a simple "Walk on the left, stand on the right" should get the message across ... and hopefully avert some potentially ugly incidents of Escalator Rage.

—HEATHER FRIEDMAN
Germantown, Md.

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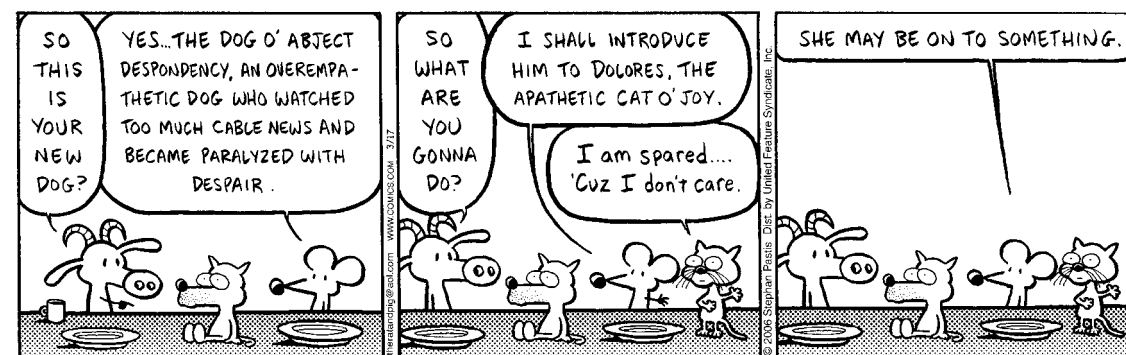


What he thought he heard.

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IRAQ'S EXPERIMENTATION WITH DEMOCRACY

... I have hope that the people will learn from this experience and make better choices when the next time comes ... that's if Iraq survives these four years and I believe it will."

IRAQTHEMODEL.BLOGSPOT.COM COMMENTS ON THE NEW IRAQI PARLIAMENT, WHICH MET FOR THE FIRST TIME ON THURSDAY, NOTING THAT MANY IRAQIS AREN'T ALL THAT HAPPY WITH THEIR ELECTORAL CHOICES.

THE Blog LOG

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"After all, Lent isn't about inconvenience or discomfort—it's about swilling green beer in an Irish pub whilst those already inebriated walk into the toilets and hurl the contents of their corned beef and cabbage-stuffed guts into the wide porcelain god so many worship."

PETROSBAPTISTCHURCH.BLOGSPOT.COM ON CATHOLIC BISHOPS ALLOWING PARISHIONERS TO EAT MEAT ON FRIDAY FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY, EVEN THOUGH IT'S LENT.

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

PISCES (Feb. 19–March 20) There may be something mysterious about you, and at the same time your self-confidence is sure to attract a number of admirers.

ARIES (March 21–April 19) You may feel as though you're zeroing in on an important target, but the fact is you may be further from the truth than before.

TAURUS (April 20–May 20) You're in the mood to be on top of the world—but you may not want to work for the privilege. A competitor has some rival notions.

GEMINI (May 21–June 20) A little well-timed humor can add just enough levity to an otherwise serious situation to allow you to see things more clearly, realistically.

CANCER (June 21–July 22) Take care that what begins as a game between you and a close friend or loved one doesn't become too aggressive in any way. Keep things light.

LEO (July 23–Aug. 22) That which first catches your eye will be at the dead center of your attention for a great deal longer than expected.

VIRGO (Aug. 23–Sept. 22) The information available to you can certainly make the difference between success and failure—provided you use it properly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23–Oct. 22) You don't have to go out of your way to attract attention. Simply go about your business in a concentrated, straightforward manner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23–Nov. 21) You may be surprised to learn just what you can and cannot do—according to those who make the rules.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22–Dec. 21) You've been endowed with a great deal of foresight, so why not put it to good use? You haven't been reading the signs lately.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22–Jan. 19) Information is only valuable if others are willing to listen and absorb it; for this reason, packaging is of great importance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20–Feb. 18) Sometimes, whether you like it or not, you have to toot your own horn—just to get other to notice that you've done a good job all along.



DO make your hot dog a hot hippo. Hot dogs taste good and all, but that standard weiner-shape has run its course and it's time to move on. Think: frankfurter animals and flowers. For the how-to, check out www.nipponham.co.jp/winny/kazari; the text is Japanese, but the photo instructions are clear enough.

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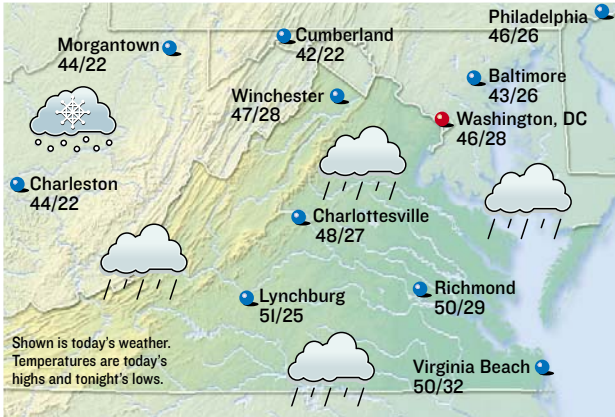
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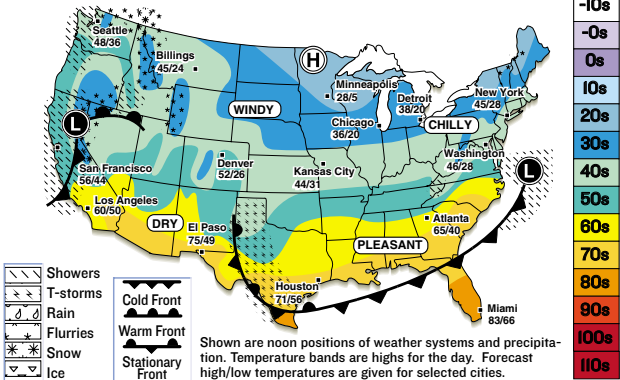
D.C. Metro: Today, rain and wet snowflakes early, becoming partly sunny, breezy, chilly. High 46. Wind north-northwest 10-20 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:17 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:17 p.m.
Moonrise today	9:09 p.m.
Moonset today	7:20 a.m.



National Weather for Friday, March 17



National Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Atlanta	65/40/w	61/43/w
Boston	42/22/s	35/22/s
Chicago	36/20/p	40/24/p
Dallas	65/44/t	49/47/r
Denver	52/26/p	48/28/c
Honolulu	82/71/sh	82/71/sh
Los Angeles	60/50/r	58/46/t
Miami	83/66/s	82/65/p
New York City	45/28/p	40/26/s
Orlando	82/55/s	78/56/p
Seattle	48/36/sh	48/36/p

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Amsterdam	35/24/w	41/34/p
Athens	56/50/c	56/43/r
Berlin	36/21/c	38/26/p
Buenos Aires	77/54/t	70/65/s
Calgary	35/27/sf	32/23/sn
Dublin	41/34/sn	46/36/p
Geneva	44/27/p	57/36/p
Moscow	30/17/c	28/19/c
Rome	57/35/p	56/43/p
Sydney	82/63/s	79/70/s
Tokyo	59/39/p	57/43/s

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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People



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RUMORS

Brangelina Cackle With Glee At Power Over World Media

Speculation is spreading that Brad Pitt and **ANGELINA JOLIE** will wed in Laglio, Italy — perhaps this weekend. George Clooney is a friend of the couple and his lakefront villa is a possible location. (AP)

CHARITY

What Was He Going to Do With \$3,000 Moisturizer?

The Academy Award-winning **GEORGE CLOONEY** has donated his Oscar gift bag to the United Way. It will be sold in an online auction to benefit the United Way Hurricane Response and Relief Recovery Fund. (AP)



HARAZN GHANBARI/AP

DISS

No Fund for Jess

JESSICA SIMPSON loves President Bush. She's just not a big fan of Republican fundraisers. The Hollywood starlet and tabloid cover girl was on Capitol Hill Thursday to lobby Congress for Operation Smile, which provides reconstructive surgery to children with facial deformities. But all anyone wanted to know was why she turned down an invitation to attend a Republican fundraiser with Washington's top star — Bush. "We went back and forth and we could never get the details worked out," said her father and manager Joe Simpson. (AP)

SPLITS It's Time for Someone's Mid-Life Crisis

PHIL COLLINS and his wife, Orianne, announced in a joint statement Wednesday that they've separated. They have two sons, Nicholas, 4, and Matthew, 1. Collins has three children from two previous marriages. "They have



Phil is no longer a young man. But he's still virile.

been living separately since the beginning of the year and both cite the fact that they have been growing apart for some time now and this has put too much pressure on their relationship," the statement said. (AP)

Yes, boy-friends should be entitled to girlfriend's earnings.



PRECEDENT

Nick Lachey Is Very Interested in This Outcome

SHANNON ELIZABETH's estranged husband filed a lawsuit Wednesday seeking half of all property and assets the pair accumulated during the five years they lived together before they were married. Joseph Reitman and Elizabeth began living together in 1997. Until their marriage on June 15, 2002, the couple agreed to "be equal partners in the acquisition of assets and in financial affairs whether such transactions were separate or joint," the lawsuit states. (AP)



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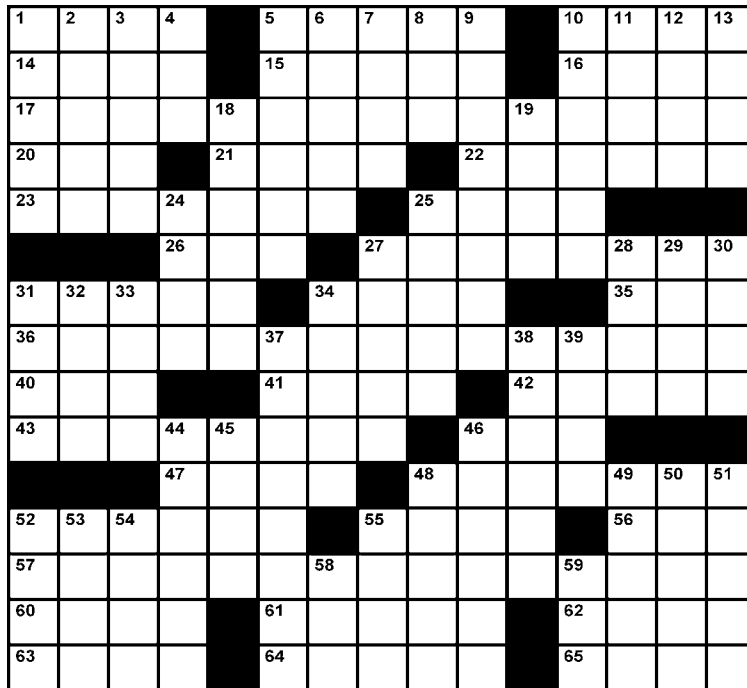
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17 Some subs
20 Newsworthy time in history
21 Indian nanny
22 Seasonal stats
23 New Jersey resort
25 Geological flattop
26 Find fault with
27 Throughout town
31 Type of cocktail
34 Arrange logically
35 Legendary Ripken
36 Some subs
40 One-time ring king
41 Seemingly forever
42 Precipitance
43 Certain warning sign
46 Attachment to day or night
47 Troubles
48 Some embassy members
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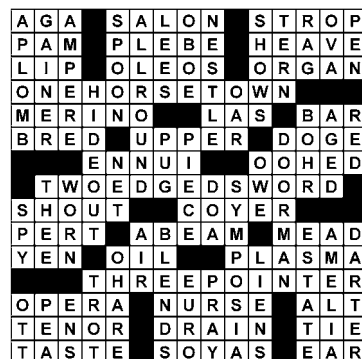
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5 Bedlamite
6 Test format, sometimes
7 Subject for Bulfinch
8 Not 'neath
9 Puncture tool
10 Picture in pieces
11 Fruity coolers
12 Paltry
13 Part of a combo, perhaps
18 Broadway Joe
19 Like stereotypical neighbors
24 Impressively great
25 Tracts of swampy ground
27 Celestial firework
28 Settles with certainty
29 Old Dodge
30 "If all ___ fails..."
31 Defect



- 32 Pass judgment
33 Part of CPU
34 Plus and minus, for two
37 Type of party
38 They're thick-skinned
39 Many Little League coaches
44 Column
45 Entomologist's wings
46 Parked like a bark
48 Pursue wild geese?
- 49 City destroyed by Arabs around 700 A.D.
50 Jennifer of "Selena"
51 Flippant
52 Like some decisions
53 Whistler's product
54 Pimples, collectively
55 Captain Kidd's haul
58 Clearly embarrassed
59 "So there!"

Yesterday's Solution



Today in History

461 According to tradition, St. Patrick—the patron saint of Ireland—died in Saul.

1776 British forces evacuated Boston during the Revolutionary War.

1906 President Theodore Roosevelt first used the term "muck-rake" as he criticized what he saw as the excesses of investigative journalism in a speech to the Gridiron Club in Washington.

1941 In 1941, the National Gallery of Art opened in Washington D.C.

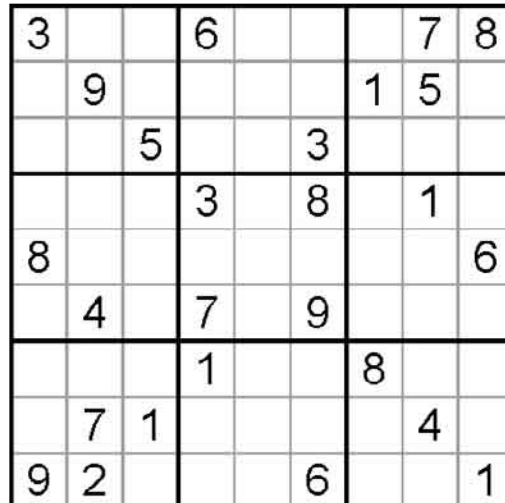
1950 Scientists at the University of California at Berkeley announced they had created a new radioactive element, "californium."

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Degree of Difficulty: HARD

Fill in the boxes so that each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

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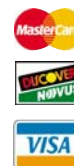


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5 Recycling

Calling all slutty senators and aides! We demand a new sex scandal, lest we have to stomach yet another rehash of Jessica Cutler's Capitol Hill escapades as *The Washingtonienne*. Sarah Jessica Parker's production company is cobbling a sitcom together for HBO with the help of a scribe from the failed "Jack & Bobby." Can't someone father an illegitimate baby or something? Is that too much to ask?



DAYNA SMITH/TWP

3 Rolling, Rolling, Rolling

Heaven help the host with no gimmick. Clowns are creepy and chocolate fountains are old news, so add some carcinogens to your next party with a "cigar catering" service. CF Dominica (cigarcatering.com) offers on-site professional cigar rollers; two rollers can do about 50 cigars in two hours, which is just enough time for everyone to get nice and stinky. Also available are cigar waitresses/waiters and custom-designed bands.

2 Coke With Coffee

Try singing "I'd like to buy the world a carbonated fusion beverage, and keep it company." We're not feeling the world peace. Coca-Cola Blak, which arrives in the United States on April 3, is an unholy (or "premium," as the company likes to say) blend of Coke and coffee. We did not obtain a sample of this abomination, but did run a simulation with office coffee and Diet Coke. Tastes like burning!



4 Mod Playhouses

Parents! Garish colors and molded plastic are gateway drugs to bad taste! Velocityart anddesign.com's \$3,000 Modern Playshed is a pre-fab wood structure that will teach kids about classic mid-century architecture.

1 Religious Models

Britt, the homeschooled waif from "8th and Ocean," MTV's reality show about pretty people trying to be cover girls, attended a meeting of "Model's for Christ" (sic). Perhaps the beauties would have gained more from a grammar



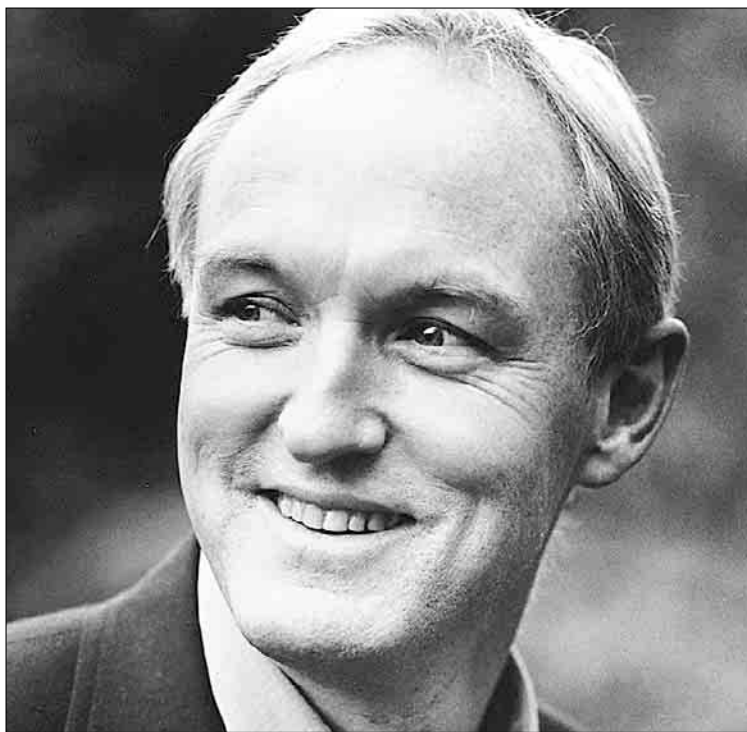
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Scribe of Spin City

Chris Buckley's tobacco lobby tale is finally a movie

Lobbyists found a superhero to call their own in "Thank You for Smoking." Christopher Buckley's 1994 novel about Nick Naylor, a Big Tobacco hired gun who spun the news and hung out with his "Merchant of Death" buddies from the alcohol and firearms industries. After more than 10 years in development hell, the film version is out with Aaron Eckhart as Naylor and Buckley in a cameo as a Metro rider. Express' Vicky Hallett talked to the humorist about moviemaking and the smoking ban.



Have you ever met real lobbyists like the Merchants of Death?

I told them I was writing a book, and I wanted to talk to them about doing battle with the neo-Puritans. I hung out with one woman at the Tobacco Institute. One lobbyist worked at the Beer Institute. I forget where we drank, but it was probably some hotel lobby, Washington being Washington. He had a degree on his wall from someplace like the School for Beer Studies. That sounded like a cool place to go to school.

What did you take from these meetings to use in the book?

The tobacco lady had a pack of

Death brand cigarettes on her credenza. It was made in Holland and the logo was a skull and crossbones. Someone marketed this as a lark, but it became an enormous seller in Europe.

What do you think about the D.C. smoking ban?

I'm not in favor of it. I'm not a smoker, and I'm not in favor of breathing other people's smoke. But if we can put a man on the moon, we should be able to create a ventilation system that can suck smoke from

"I think if I'd written a book about Jesus giving up smoking, Mel Gibson might have made it."

the air. I gave up smoking myself because I had friends who died of lung cancer, but people ought to be able to smoke if they'd like. I won't be able to have a cigar after lunch

with Christopher Hitchens at Cafe Milano. Knowing Christopher, he'll light up anyway.

Do you know Jack Abramoff?

Unlike other people, I do not live in fear that a photograph of us will be published. I've never met the man. Nick Naylor is very different from Jack Abramoff. I would find it challenging to make Jack appealing.

Mel Gibson held the rights to your book for a long time. Were you concerned he'd do the film in Aramaic?

I think if I'd written a book about Jesus giving up smoking, he might have made it. There's a scene in the book where Naylor is running down the Mall naked and covered in nicotine patches. It was that scene that drew him to the book. It seems curious in light of the bare-chested antics in two of his other movies, "Braveheart" and "The Passion of the Christ."

How did you come up with covering someone in those patches?

When I was researching the book, I called a cardiologist friend and asked how many would kill you. He said four. Each is equivalent to a pack of cigarettes, so it would be as if you dumped 80 cigarettes into your system at the same time. I wanted a visual image though, so I cheated. Kids, don't try that at home.

> The Manolo

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I am a bridesmaid in my best friend's wedding. What color shoes do I wear with a fuchsia tea-length dress? —JENNIFER

Manolo says, the Manolo has noticed over the past three or four of the years that the dresses of the bridesmaids have grown slightly less hideous. Where before, the bridesmaid could rely upon the poufy/frilly gown designed to minimize the bust and maximize the booty, now the trend it has moved towards bridesmaids who perhaps maybe look OK. Still, the eternal problem it is that the dress must match the fantasy color scheme decided upon by the Bridezilla and her rampaging



mob of wedding consultants and hangers-on. But because it is the role of the maid of the bride to grin and endure such indignities, she must remember that she is the designer accessory more than the actual participant. Thus the smart maid of the bride learns the value of the good cobbler who knows about the dyeing of the shoes. The secret then it is to purchase the basic white satin pump of the good quality, like the Temptress from the Stuart Weitzman (\$202, zappos.com), and to take it to the good cobbler together with the swatch of the material of the dress.

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You might watch "Top Chef," Bravo's newest reality show (Wed., 10 p.m.), for the inevitable byproducts of the genre — backstabbing, fit-pitching and the obligatory contestant who's "not here to make friends." But since most of the show plays out in the kitchen, you may turn off the tube inspired to turn up the heat with some new gadgets. RINA RAPUANO

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↑ The heat-resistant marvel that is silicone continues to reinvent kitchen tools. The latest: **THEFOODLOOP**, a widget that replaces toothpicks and string in trussing turkeys, bundling veggies and more (Six for \$15, Home Rule, 1807 14th St. NW; 202-797-5544)

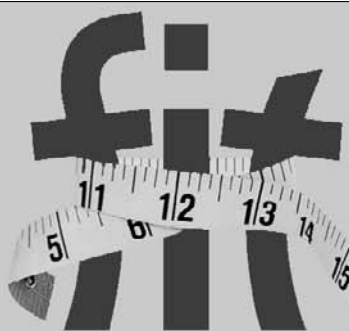


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Public Appeal



Cabo's not in the cards this year for spring break. But just because you're short on airfare or time — or a car — doesn't mean you can't escape the grind. Thanks to public transportation, these three enchanting destinations are just a few bucks away. Travel the commuter way by planning your getaway for Friday evening through early Monday morning, when you can return to D.C. with the 9-to-5 crowd. VICKY HALLETT AND KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

Annapolis, Md.

BOATS ARE A BIG DRAW to Maryland's wee state capital, making sailing a popular pastime (several outfitters will hook you up). But Annapolis can be just as entertaining by land, starting with a walk along "Ego Alley," where the yachts dock. At the Naval Academy, take an organized tour or just poke around on your own, but be sure to stop into the chapel designed by renowned architect Ernest Flag. The St. John's College campus is also worth a wander.

For a history fix, there's the Maryland State House, the oldest one in the country in continuous use, as well as a bunch of historic houses. The circa-1763 William Paca House prides itself on looking lived-in rather than museum-perfect. This translates into artfully messy rooms and lots of food replicas (including a calf's head) in the house.

Many locals prefer the shops of Maryland Avenue to the bland offerings of Main Street. Visit Sitting Pretty, a boutique with a preppy take on the trends, and its neigh-



SITTING ON THE DOCK OF THE BAY: One local cafe and enjoy it while admiring the Kunta...



HARPER'S BAZAAR: Small-town Americana survives on High Street, where visitors can hop from park-run museums to vintage clothing stores, used book shops and cafes. Don't worry, it's not so old-school that they don't have ATMs in town.

Harper's Ferry, W.Va.

"NATIONAL PARK" CONJURES images of woodsy walks and hilly treks, and both are plentiful in Harper's Ferry. The glorious spot at the confluence of the Shenandoah and Potomac rivers offers easy access to both the Appalachian Trail and C&O Canal. But the park's primary attraction is a

preserved town from the mid-1800s. Two dozen restored houses hold mini-museums elucidating area history, notably the town's importance as the site of anti-slavery revolutionary John Brown's failed raid on the federal arsenal. For scenic views, take the stone steps from High Street to St. Peter's Catholic Church, then follow the path to Jefferson Rock.

For kitsch value, say hi to the John Brown Wax Museum.

Once you're through with town, try a lazy innertube trip or a more raucous whitewater-rafting adventure with Butts Tubes (800-836-9911) or River Riders (800-326-7238); rent a bike to reach the water from town. Or sign up for a fishing expedition at the Angler's Inn (304-535-1239), which



Before there was Crate & Barrel, there were crates and barrels at the General Store. This is one of many exhibits on 19th-century life at Harper's Ferry National Park.

provides gear, lunch and a guide.

DINING: Foodies won't be wowed by the level of cuisine, but the gyros at Cannonball Deli and the fudge at Lulu's are worth salivating over.

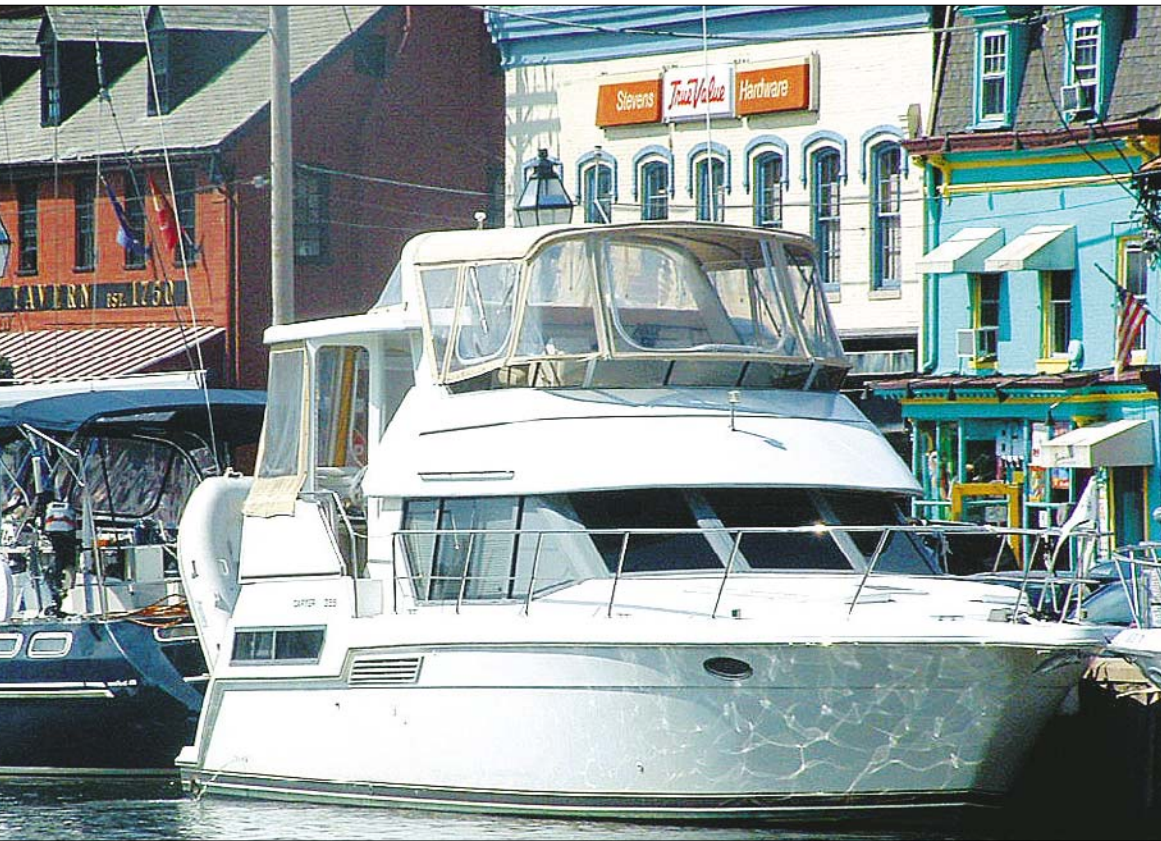
SLEEPING: If you like old and creepy, visit the Hilltop House Hotel (304-535-2132), which could stand in for the lodge in "The Shining." Most people will probably be more comfortable at a bed and breakfast. We were charmed by the Harper's Ferry Guest House (304-535-6955).

SOUVENIRS: As you go up the hill on High Street, the museum strip quickly turns into a string of folksy

shops. Grab a bag of locally made potpourri at The Herb Lady, or a bottle of West Virginia wine at Grape Expectations.

GETTING THERE: Hop on the Brunswick Line on the MARC system. There are three departures each weekday from Union Station (4:55 p.m., 5:35 p.m., 7:15 p.m.) and two from Harper's Ferry toward D.C. (5:51 a.m. and 6:56 a.m.). The fare each way is \$9, and travel time is approximately 1.5 hours. The Harper's Ferry train station is smack dab in the middle of town. Paying the \$4 park entry fee is often on the honor system.

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At the size of these vessels and you know why City Dock is nicknamed "Ego Alley." Grab a coffee and a scone from the City Dock Cafe-Alex Haley Memorial, which marks where the slave from Haley's "Roots" first landed in the United States.

bors, like Already Artists, a kiddie creativity center.

DINING: Grab a beer and watch the water at Riordan's (410-263-5449), a chill spot that epitomizes classic Annapolis style. Newer destinations line West Street, which is shaping up to be the U Street of town. Lemongrass (410-280-0086) offers quick Thai, and next door is the mod Metropolitan (410-268-7733), with the only rooftop dining in town. And from March 19-24, you can experience Annapolis restaurant week.

SLEEPING: Big spenders will find every whim catered to at The Annapolis Inn (410-295-5200), where room rates start at \$250. Cheaper inns, B&Bs and hotels abound.

SOUVENIRS: Local artisan goodies are stocked at downtown's Art FX (410-990-4540) and at the Bead Bungalow (410-268-4774) in West Annapolis, an artsy stretch accessible via the free Navy Shuttle. The Ram's Head Tavern (410-268-4545) makes its own beer in the back of the restaurant. Order a growler to go (\$15.70, at



It's easy to tell students from the Naval Academy and St. John's College apart.

right), or ask the bartender for a tour of the brewery.

GETTING THERE: The 922 MTA commuter bus takes a little over an hour to whisk you directly between between downtown D.C. and the intersection of West St. and Calvert St. in Annapolis, about a block from the visitor's center (\$4.25 one-way). Or catch the 921 from the New Carrollton Metro (\$3.50 one-way). Both run only on weekdays.



Fredericksburg, Va.

THERE'S MORE THAN HISTORY to this Civil War battlefield town. While some parts are quickly being eaten up by chain-store sprawl, Old Town and its surrounding areas are still charming without being cutesy. Caroline Street, which runs parallel to the Rappahannock river, is the main drag; walk it with a guide picked up from the Visitor's Center, or take a trolley or a carriage to up the quaintness quotient.

The Fredericksburg Area Museum gives a good overview of the town; visit historic sites like Fredericksburg Baptist Church and the Confederate Cemetery, where 1,000 soldiers are buried. If you're more into spending than learning, shops in Old Town range from antiques to New Age. If you're feeling more solitary, head for the banks of the Rappahannock with a picnic, or get off the tourist track by turning down nearly any side street: Nearly every house in Old Town is worth a look.

Up the hill is the University of Mary Washington, where you can see the gates that used to barricade the girls when the school was all-women. There are art exhibits, concerts, and theater, as well as the chance to make yourself feel really old by just



Shopping and history are the main selling points for Fredericksburg, which means you can expect a nuclear tantrum from this perfect-looking kid in five ... four ... three ...



The Brompton Oak is so elderly that it shows up in photos shot during the Civil War. The tree still stands near the home of the University of Mary Washington's president.

wandering around campus.

DINING: Locals love Sammy T's (540-371-2008), which offered vegetarian options before veggie was cool. Chords (540-372-3434), a jazz and blues-themed restaurant, usually has live music with dinner. For a cheap eat, try The Soup and Taco, Etc., which offers a different soup daily.

SLEEPING: The Kenmore Inn (540-371-7622) was heavily shelled and used as a stable in the Civil War; it looks much

nicer now. Rates start at \$119.

SOUVENIRS: Pass on the replica Civil War hats and look for the real thing at one of Old Town's many antique shops. There are plenty of modern

goodies to be had, too, if you concentrate on housewares (alas, the 'Burg hasn't quite caught up in terms of fashion). The Kitchen at Wittingham has gourmet goodies and gadgets. Your feline's been alone all weekend, so apologize with a catnip cigar from The Cat's Closet (\$7). The Java Connection is a cramped, caffeinated store where you can also buy weird jellies. The one at left, \$5, is jelly bean-flavored.

GETTING THERE: A 75- to 90-minute VRE ride takes you from Union Station directly into Old Town at the intersection of Caroline St. and Lafayette Blvd. (\$8.35 one-way). Once there, the FRED system is Fredericksburg's own public transportation — an adult fare is only 25 cents!



>WhereTo...

IN SEARCH OF THINGS YOU MIGHT WANT TO DO, BUT DON'T KNOW ABOUT YET

... Watch

The Autumn Garden. Lillian Hellman's psychodrama portrays two lovers' painful struggle to figure out how their lives have gone wrong after WWII. Gunston Arts Center, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington; through April 15, 8 p.m., \$23-\$29; 703-553-8782; americancentury.org.

Chicago City Limits. From New York, not



Chicago City Limits, straight from NYC.

Chicago, these jokers are the Big Apple's longest-running comedy revue. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna; Sat., 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., \$20; 703-218-6500; wolf-trap.org.

Culkin School of Traditional Irish

Dance. The school's students jig to the accompaniment of a button accordion, flute, fiddle, guitar and bodhran. Kennedy Center Millennium Stage, 2700 F St. NW; Fri., 6 p.m., free; 202-467-4600; kennedy-center.org.

Edgeworks Dance Theater. The all-

African American male company celebrates its fifth anniversary. Dance Place, 3225 8th St. NE; Fri. through Sun., \$7-\$20; 202-269-1600; danceplace.org. (Brookland/CUA)

Environmental Film Festival. Nearly 100 documentary, feature, animated, archival and children's films on environmental issues will play through April 26 at various locations around Washington. 202-342-2564; dcenvironmental filmfest.org.

Flip Orley. The comic hypnotist brings his tricks to Washington. DC Improv, 1140 Connecticut Ave. NW; through March 26, \$15-\$17; 202-296-7008; dcimprov.com. (Farragut North)

Harlem Globetrotters. More than dunks and dribbling, the basketball-court tricksters show off their skills in two performances. Verizon Center, 601 F St. NW; Sat., 1 p.m., \$14-\$130; 202-397-7328. (Gallery Place-Chinatown) and GMU Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax; Sat., 7:30 p.m., \$14-\$130; 202-397-7328.



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF WASHINGTON

Some fine specimens from this past year's Tossed and Found sale.

... SHOP

Buy a New Friend

When the area elite clean out their closets, the result is **THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF WASHINGTON'S TOSSED & FOUND SALE**. Find cast-off goodies like Burberry trench coats and Coach bags. The annual three-day tradition benefits area literacy. (800 North Henry St., Alexandria; preview night and auction Fri., 6:30 p.m., \$40; general shopping Sat., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sun., 9 a.m.-3 p.m., free; 202-337-2001; jlw.org.) Further out, the Maryland Arms Collectors Association hosts the annual **ANTIQUA ARMS SHOW** featuring an exhibit of Civil War artillery and 950 tables with items for display and sale. No modern handguns allowed! (Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium; Sat., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sun., 9 a.m.-3 p.m., \$5; baltimoreshow.com.) The **16TH ANNUAL ANTIQUES SHOW AT GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY** boasts 120 dealers of furniture, jewelry, vintage clothing, maps, you name it. Benefits go to the Capital Hospice. (GMU Field House, 4400 University Dr., Fairfax; Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sun., 11 a.m.-5 p.m., \$7; 301-654-6483.)

... Take the Kids



TODD ROSENBERG

Justin Roberts is a triple scoop of fun

Justin Roberts. On his national "Meltdown" tour, the acclaimed "alt-kid" musician performs two shows at the only area stop on his way west. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave., Vienna; Sat., 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., \$10, \$12 at the door; 703-255-1566; jamminjava.com.

Kite Day. Prepare for next weekend's Kite Festival on the National Mall with this annual family program celebrating kite-making and the science of flight. National Air and Space Museum, 7th and Independence Avenue SW; Sat., 10 a.m.-3 p.m., free; 202-633-1000; nasm.si.edu. (L'Enfant Plaza)

Refuge System Birthday Bash. This annual festival makes nature fun for kids with animal demonstrations, crafts and games. Patuxent Research Refuge, 230 Bald Eagle Drive, Laurel; Sat., 10 a.m.-3 p.m., free; 301-497-5763; fws.gov.

Tlingit Weaving Traditions. Learn about Tlingit women and their weaving skills while creating your own mat or basket. National Museum of the American Indian, 4th and Independence Avenue SW; Sat., 10:30 a.m., free; 202-633-1000; nmai.si.edu. (L'Enfant Plaza)

...Listen

The Bacon Brothers. Marvel at Kevin Bacon's pseudo-mullet as he and his brother take the stage. Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria; Fri., 7:30 p.m., \$35; 703-549-7500; birchmere.com.

The English Beat. Known to the rest of the world simply as The Beat, this ska band co-headlines with '90s alt-rockers Soul Asylum. 9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Fri., 8 p.m. doors, \$25; 202-265-0930; 930.com. (U St.-Cardozo)

The Go! Team. The six-member, two-drummer British indie-rockers come stateside. The Medications and Talkdemonic open. Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; Sun., 8:30 p.m., \$12; 202-667-7960; blackcatdc.com. (U St.-Cardozo)

Showboys. In a celebration of gay Broadway, the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington performs selections from four shows by gay composers, including Cole Porter's "Anything Goes" and Marc Shaiman's "Hairspray." Lisner Auditorium at GWU, 730 21st St. NW; Sat., 8 p.m. and Sun., 3 p.m., \$19-\$49; 202-293-1548; gmcw.org. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)



The Birchmere is one degree of Kevin Bacon.

... Date

Blue Collar Comedy Tour. No relationship can be as bad as the ones these comedians (Jeff Foxworthy, Bill Engvall, Larry the Cable Guy and Ron White) joke about. Warner Theatre, 513 13th St. NW; through Sun., \$75; 202-397-7328; warnertheatre.com. (Metro Center)

Boston Marriage. David Mamet brings us a good old-fashioned love story: Two Victorian, upper-class lesbians live on the fringe of society as they struggle to maintain their relationship. Source Theatre Company, 1835 14th St. NW; Fri. through April 2, \$26.50-\$31.50; 202-319-7227; atwdc.org. (U St.-Cardozo)

Dupont Circle Art Gallery, Wine and Food Tour. A taste of culture on each leg of the tour, which makes stops at three galleries, each one featuring a different food and wine. Beginning at Studio Gallery, 2108 R St. NW; Thu., 7 p.m., \$45; 202-244-3700; tastedc.com. (Dupont Circle)



CORCORAN

A child from "Reflections of the Heart."

... Gaze

Harpies, Mermaids and Tulips:

Embroidery of the Greek Islands and Epirus Region. See some serious embroidery, created for both bridal trousseaux and everyday use, from the 17th to 19th centuries. Textile Museum, 2320 S St. NW; Fri. through Sept. 3, free; 202-667-0441; textilemuseum.org.

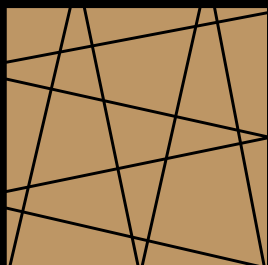
Max Liebermann: Works on Paper.

In a two-city retrospective, the German impressionist's paintings are on view in New York, while his prints, etchings, lithographs and pastels are here. Goethe-Institut, 812 7th St. NW; through April 28, free; 202-289-1200; goethe.de/washington. (Gallery Place-Chinatown)

Reflections From the Heart: Photographs by David Seymour. A retrospective of the 1930s-40s photojournalist, who chronicled social unrest in Europe, then followed displaced children after WWII. He's also famed for his portraits of 20th-century celebrities. Corcoran Gallery of Art, 500 17th St. NW; Sat. through June 4, \$4-\$8; 202-639-1700; corcoran.org. (Farragut West)

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Kelly Campbell, Ben Whelan-Morin

Kelly, 23, is a call-center specialist for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Ben, 25, is the Director of Music at the William Doar Public Charter School for the Performing Arts. They live in Alexandria.

WEDDING: A Unitarian ceremony in Hartford, Conn. on July 15, followed by a reception.

HOW THEY MET: Online, when a friend suggested Kelly contact Ben for

advice on student teaching.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS: Ben was so nervous that he talked too much, and Kelly was “a little put off by it. Once he calmed down, we had a lot of fun and laughter together.”

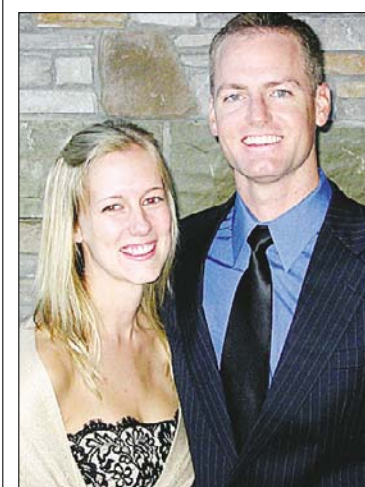
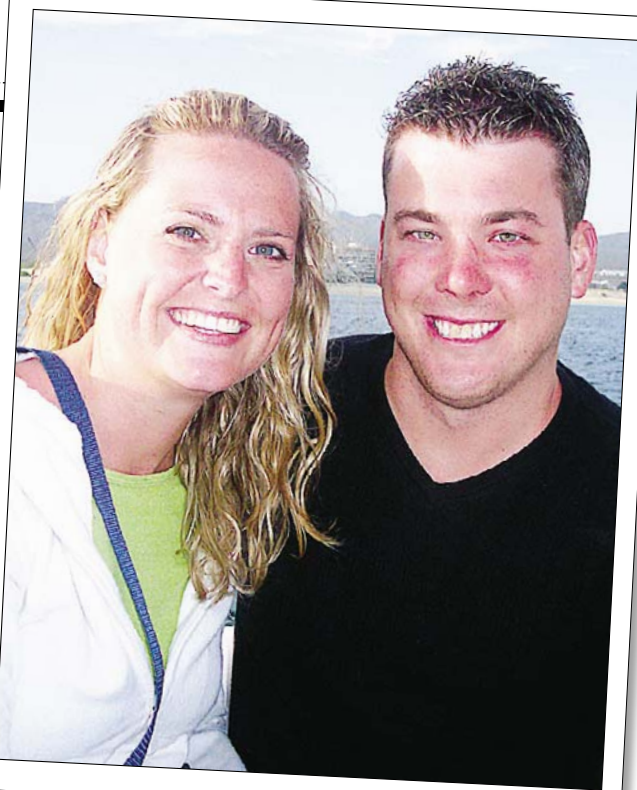
MEETING THE PARENTS: When Ben met Kelly's parents, her father “didn't say too much. He has a hard time when Kelly and her sister start dating new people.”

STUPIDEST FIGHT: “Whether we were going to sit at the kitchen table or on the couch to play a board game.”

WHEN SHE KNEW: The first time they talked online, Kelly “had a weird feeling that Ben might be the one.”

BIGGEST FEAR: Hot weather — neither the ceremony nor the reception locations has air conditioning.

“Once he calmed down, we had a lot of fun and laughter together.”



JulieAnn Buist, Shad Thomas

JulieAnn, 24, is a graduate student in Latin American and Hemispheric Studies at the George Washington University. Shad, 29, is a Lieutenant in the Coast Guard. They will live in Hilo, Hawaii.

WEDDING: A ceremony at the Grand Rapids, Mich., church where JulieAnn's parents and sister were married, followed by a semi-formal reception. They're expecting 225 guests.

HOW THEY MET: In class at GWU. Shad had a dislocated ankle, and he hobbled to the far side of the room to sit beside JulieAnn every day.

The Luck of the Irish

The wearing of the green turned into the wearing of the white for **LYDIA COOPER** and **GREGORY TEAL**. The couple met on St. Patrick's Day, 2001, when Lydia was in Key West for a friend's bachelorette party. She tried to get Gregory to dance with her soon-to-be-hitched friend: He asked her to dance instead. “He had planned to be in Key West for the rest of the next week,” said Lydia, who was living in Ft. Lauderdale at the time. “I happened to have tickets to the opening show of the U2 World Tour. I asked him, ‘If I come back to Key West to pick you up, will you forget about your plane ticket back to Maryland and come with me to the concert?’” He said yes.

After the concert, they spent two months commuting between Maryland and Ft. Lauderdale, then spent a summer together on Treasure Island, Fla. Once the summer was over, Lydia landed a local teaching job “and we've been together ever since.”

Lydia, 27, is a third-grade teacher in Montgomery County. Gregory, 26, is a computer scientist for the Department of the Navy. They will marry June 24 in Key West. They live in Washington.

Lauren Miura, Brian Stempeck

Lauren, 25, is a project manager at The Nature Conservancy. Brian, 27, is the host of E&ETV, an online interview show. They live in D.C.

WEDDING: A semi-formal event in Chapel Hill, N.C. The ceremony and reception will both be held at a family-run French restaurant in a converted historic home.

HOW THEY MET: At work. Lauren's cubicle was right by the coffee

machine; Brian “soon upped his consumption to three cups a day.”

FIRST DATE: Ice skating at the National Gallery.

HOW HE PROPOSED:

During a trip to Miami, Lauren began browsing through an US Weekly that Brian pulled from his backpack. He had Photoshopped a section of the magazine to look like tabloid-style coverage of their rela-



tionship. The last page hinted that there were rumors of engagement. When Lauren turned to that page, Brian “broke out the ring.”

MOST HATED CLOTHING ITEM: Lauren's sweater that Brian thinks looks like a bird's nest. He “would like to donate it to a local sparrow.”

STUPIDEST FIGHT: “The merits of pet psychics.” Lauren is pro-psychic, Brian against.

HOW HE KNEW: Brian “just knew” after two weeks. “I'm incapable of making the simplest of decisions at the grocery store, but somehow this came easy.”

FAMILY TRADITIONS: Lauren's dad will wear a Hawaiian shirt during the reception — just as he did for his own wedding in 1977.

“I got right to the point and asked her parents for her hand ... we got engaged the next weekend.”

FIRST DATE: A four-hour dinner at San Marco in Adams Morgan.

MEETING THE PARENTS: “I got grilled for 72 hours straight with questions varying from shoe size and favorite color to my goals regarding my relationship with JulieAnn.”

HOW HE PROPOSED: At midnight in New York's Central Park, after dinner at a Greek restaurant.

FAMILY TRADITIONS: At every family wedding, JulieAnn's six aunts sing a cheesy song they write for the couple. Then, the one entering the family has to correctly name all of the aunts.

Getting Married? If you'd like to see your wedding or commitment ceremony in B.I.O., send your favorite informal photo (wacky is fine, but please don't send a formal engagement shot), plus your names, contact info and the ceremony date to weddings@readexpress.com. We'll contact you with some questions as your big day approaches. Our space is limited, but we'll do our best to include as many as we can.



Samurai SUDOKU

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How to Play

The rules of Samurai Sudoku are the same as in the popular Sudoku puzzles that appear in Express and The Washington Post.

As with standard Sudoku, the Samurai version requires no math, just logic, reasoning ... and an iron will. The goal is to fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles.

A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another. As always, there's only one solution, which will appear in next week's edition of LookOut Weekend.

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